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Nottingham Forest's Bryan
Gunn is outjumped by
Arsenal's Stewart Robson.

'IT WILL HURT TO LEAVE

LIVERPOOL's big money star in reserve, Craig Johnston, revealed this week he may quit England in search of the sun and regular first team football.

But he faces a dilemma. "I don't want to leave Liverpool," admits Craig.

Disillusioned with life in the Anfield shadows and pining for a return to a warmer climate, South African-born Craig is on the transfer list at his own request.

However, the former England

Below: Sammy Lee — his form in midfield for Liverpool has elevated him to the full England squad as Craig has struggled for a regular place in the team.



Under-21 international told 'Match Weekly': "It will be with regret if I do leave Anfield — even though I don't feel I've been given a chance to prove myself in my best role in 18 months with the club.

"I'm a natural midfielder and I believe a good one, but I've only had two or three first team outings in that position.

"I'd play in goal for Liverpool if they asked me to but, while I've always been prepared to do a job for them up front when asked, I know I'm a better player in the middle of the park.

"Mark Lawrenson, normally a sweeper, and striker Kenny Dalglish have both been drafted into midfield when the obvious choice seemed to put me in the team instead.

"It's hard to accept and while I'd like nothing more than to make it at Liverpool, I don't feel I can stay under the present circumstances.

"I could understand being left out of the side if I had been playing badly, but I don't think that has been the case.

"Towards the end of last season, I scored both goals as we beat Nottingham Forest 2-0 and then got pulled off in the following 2-2 draw with Tottenham when I thought I was playing quite well. I didn't get back in the first team."

Craig made his decision to go on the transfer list following Liverpool's European Cup, Second Round, first leg tie against JK Helsinki — a match the Champions lost 1-0.

He subsequently played and scored in the 5-0 second leg victory at Anfield but he says: "It was frustrating to go all the way to Finland and only watch from the substitutes' bench.

"I realised I had to do something about my situation so I asked for a transfer. I'd been thinking about it for some time. My experience in Finland made my mind up."

Craig arrived at Anfield from Middlesbrough in a £650,000 deal towards the end of the

1980-81 season.

He admitted to 'Match' then that he might have to spend a long time in the reserves but, 18 months on, he's had enough.

"Naturally I realised I faced a difficult job breaking into the first team when I joined the club but I don't feel I've ever let the side down when I have played," says Craig, capped twice at England Under-21 level.

"I did play in about a dozen matches on the run last season and we won every game.

"In the 20 or so first team appearances I have made, I've averaged a goal every other game and I don't think that's a bad record!

"As I've said, I don't really want to leave Liverpool and no-one would be happier than myself if the situation at Anfield changed and I felt I had a first team future here.

"But while I'm only 22, I'm not a raw youngster any more. I know what the game is about and I'm ambitious to progress."

West Brom, Newcastle and Arsenal have all been linked in varying degrees with the unsettled star.

And there was talk of a

Below: Mark Lawrenson — he was pushed into a midfield role to deny Craig a chance.



FLASHBACK to the April 18 issue of 'Match Weekly' last year when Craig told how a section of Middlesbrough fans turned him into an outcast. Now he looks to be on his way from Anfield...

CRAIG Johnston, in his own words, "realised every kid's dream" when he joined Liverpool from Middlesbrough for what was then a club record fee of £650,000.

But 18 months later, the dream appears to be over, Craig having woken up to the fact that his future may be elsewhere.

Paul Stratton brings you the inside story...

LIVERPOOL

says CRAIG JOHNSTON

possible swap deal involving Ipswich Town's transfer-seeking Eric Gates. Both are valued at £500,000 by their respective clubs.

Nothing came of the move but Craig admits: "A swap with Eric Gates would have appealed to me.

"I would be prepared to join another club in England if the right offer came along, but at the moment a move to a club on the Continent appeals to me more.

"I've got contacts in other countries and a new challenge certainly wouldn't worry me.

"Let's face it, I'm playing abroad now having come to England from Australia.

"Okay, I'd have to overcome the language barriers but I'm intelligent enough to learn.

"And I miss the sun. I certainly would like to play in a country with a warmer climate like Southern France or Italy.

"Football is my job but there is more to life than your work. It's about living and enjoying yourself too and it would be nice to live somewhere warmer

again."

Craig fears, however, that prospective buyers may be put off by his price tag...

"I think it's too high. You could buy Karl-Heinz Rummenigge for that price now. Who's going to pay that for someone in Liverpool reserves and what club can afford that kind of money now, anyway?"

Back in March, 1981, when news first got out that Craig was joining Liverpool, he was hounded by a section of Middlesbrough fans who made his life a misery — forcing him to quit Ayresome a month earlier than was planned.

But it's all so different at Liverpool as Craig explains: "Everyone connected with the club, both in and out of the team, has been great and I've had anything up to 100 letters from fans asking me not to go.

"I will certainly miss the Liverpool supporters if I go because they have been so good to me.

"They can give you stick along with the praise but they are wise fans who know their football."

Spotlight on
CRAIG JOHNSTON
Liverpool's record signing from
Middlesbrough

OUTCAST!

CRAIG JOHNSTON'S determination to honour his contract at Middlesbrough brought only misery.

A section of the fans that once idolised him from the Ayresome Park terraces turned him into an outcast.

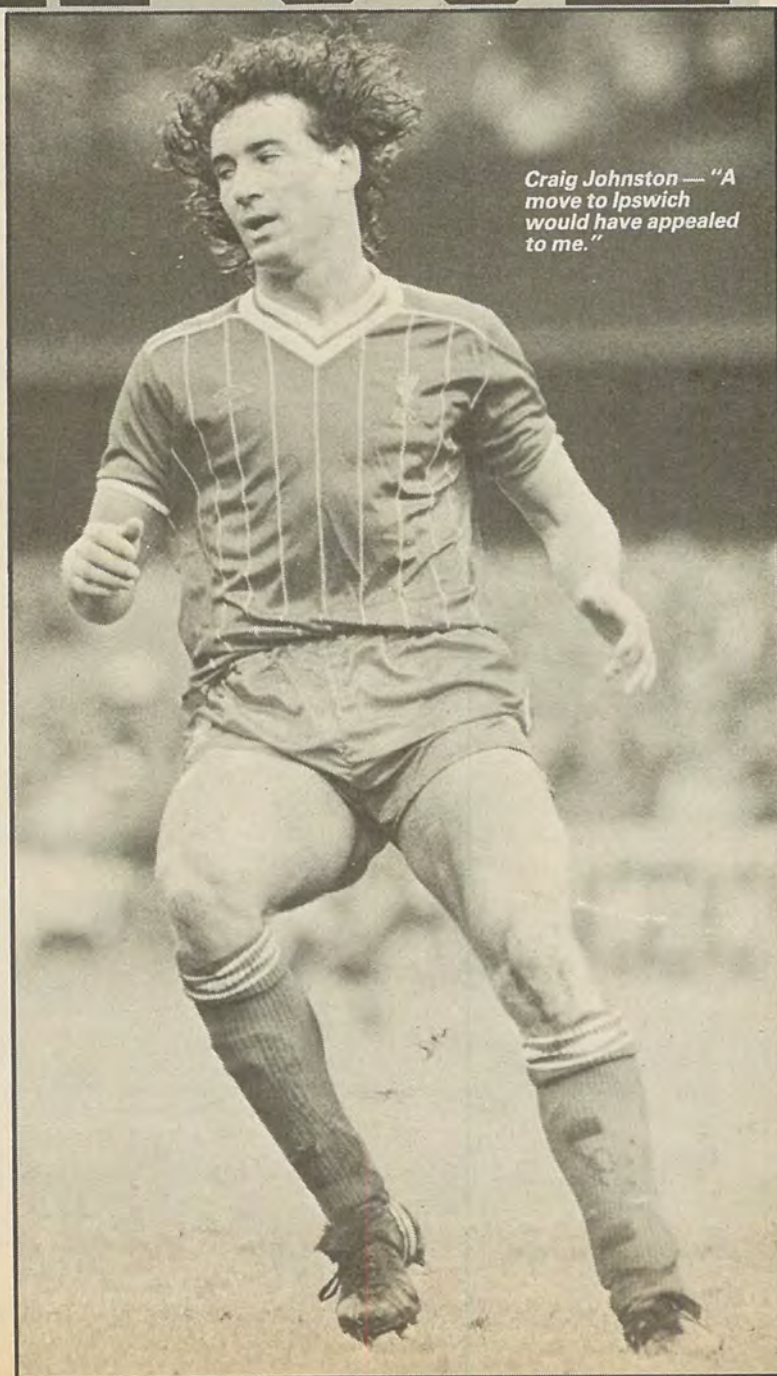
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Craig Johnston — "A move to Ipswich would have appealed to me."



'BUT I DON'T FEEL I CAN STAY'

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SOUTHAMPTON versus Ipswich is a fixture I always look forward to, but Saturday's game the Dell has extra special significance for me.

I hope to be making my comeback after a two week suspension and I'll be playing against my old friend and former Portman Road skipper Mick Mills.

I'll always be indebted to Mick. He helped me tremendously both when I first joined Ipswich and when I was called up for England. I roomed with him on international trips and he gave me a lot of valuable advice.

He is a fantastic captain and a great ambassador for the game. I hope that kids who see him try to emulate him. If they do, they won't go far wrong.

Southampton have picked up a real bargain because I don't believe he's anywhere near finished. Mick is the sort of player who can go on as long as Alan Ball.

I certainly haven't noticed him slowing up. He's still as sharp as ever and he's lost none of his competitive spirit.

That's the amazing thing about the guy — even though he's been in the game for 17 years and made over 550 League appearances, he still hasn't lost his enthusiasm for the game.

Mick has seen it all and done it all. He's captained England in a World Cup Finals and picked up trophies with his club — and yet he's still got the same appetite for the game he had when he was an apprentice.

I'm sad that he's left Portman Road because I felt he still had a lot to offer, but I'm really pleased for him. I hope the move works out well for him in every way.

I hope I don't lose touch with Mick because I rate him as one of my best friends. I'll certainly miss him not being around the club every day.

He was a very good tipster — we were very rarely separated when there was a race meeting at Newmarket!

MY MATE MICK!

BUT I HOPE IPSWICH PUT ONE OVER HIM

And all the lads used to huddle round him in the dressing room before they went training hoping he'd give them a couple of tips.

I'll be desperately disappointed if I'm not made Ipswich captain in his place. All points seem to favour me because when he was out of the side, I led the team out.

It would be fabulous if I could skipper the side against Southampton and shake hands with Mick in the centre circle.

I can't see any way that Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy can fail to make him club captain.

I don't believe we've seen the best of Mick Mills yet. When he finally quits the game, I'm sure clubs will be falling over themselves trying to get him as their manager.

He'll make a very good boss. Not only has he got the respect of everyone in the game, he's got some very good ideas as well.

Southampton are in much the same position as ourselves this season. They haven't made a very good start and are struggling near the bottom of the First Division.

But they are too good a side to stay where they are now. Like us, I'm sure they'll finish high in the League.

Although 'The Saints' have lost Kevin Keegan, Ivan Golac and Alan Ball all this season, they've still got a very good side.

The Ipswich and England striker speaks from the heart about the transfer of his team-mate and good friend Mick Mills. Don't miss his regular column — it's only in 'Match'.



I've always rated young striker Steve Moran as an excellent player. I only hope he's fully recovered from his back injury.

In Peter Shilton they've got the best goalkeeper in the world. He's worth a lot of points in a season to any team.

I've got a sneaking suspicion that Mick could get one of his rare goals against us on Saturday. I hope he does — as long as we finish up the winners!

The following Saturday, we entertain Swansea — one of the few teams to beat us at home last season.

They've had a tough start to the season and everyone is saying that their bubble has finally burst. Don't you believe it!

In many ways, they are like Southampton — they've got too many quality players to struggle. Striker Bob Latchford will always score goals and I believe Welsh striker Alan Curtis is one of the most under-rated players in the game.

In many ways Swansea are like a mini-Liverpool. You can see the Anfield influence when you play them. They are well organised and do the simple things well.

My suspension gave me a chance to grab a holiday in Portugal's Algarve district and I enjoyed every minute of the break.

I had never fully recovered from a throat infection and the doctors advised me to take a holiday and have a couple of days in the sun.

At first I thought it was a terrible idea — for the first three days it rained and we suffered the worst hurricane the area has had for ten years.

But the weather sorted itself out later and I returned to training tanned and raring to go.

Even though I was away from it all, I still missed being with the lads and playing. There's nothing you can do that takes away the pain of being suspended.

That's why I can't wait for Saturday and my confrontation with a certain M. Mills and Southampton! See you in two weeks!

● Paul Mariner was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

TONY Woodcock has appealed to England manager **Bobby Robson** for a chance to prove himself.

The Arsenal striker believes that he needs an extended run in the England side before we see the best of him.

"I'm looking for a regular place in the attack for three or four games so that I can show what I can do. I think I'm due a fair run."

"No-one in England has seen me play on a regular basis when both the team and myself are settled," says Tony, who joined 'The Gunners' from Cologne in the close season.

Although he's been capped 25 times at full international level, Tony has never established himself as a regular choice but he admits that he's only got himself to blame...

"I knew when I went to play in West Germany that there would be problems with my release for internationals and I missed a few England matches because of club commitments."

Tony joined Cologne from Nottingham Forest for £650,000 in November 1979 after picking up League Championship, European Cup and League Cup winners' medals during his stay at the City Ground.

But he says: "I enjoyed my spell with Cologne. Everyone goes on about the skill of the West Germans but I played there for three years and held my own."

Hopes were high at the beginning of the season that Arsenal — boosted by new strikers Tony and Lee Chapman — could make a strong challenge for the League Championship.

But the Highbury club have made an indifferent start to their First Division campaign and were dumped out of the UEFA Cup by Moscow Spartak in the First Round.

"It's been a difficult start for us," admits Tony: "We've got to start stringing a few results together now if we are to stand a realistic chance in the League. We can't afford to lose many more games."

"Things are far from being 100 per cent perfect. We've played well in some games and failed to impress in others."

Tony believes that Arsenal lack experience in midfield and he's looking forward to the arrival of Vladimir Petrovic from Red Star Belgrade.

Arsenal expected Petrovic would have joined them by now, but the Yugoslav football authorities have been dragging their feet on the deal and it doesn't look as though he'll be a Highbury player until the New Year.

"Our midfield this season has consisted of Graham Rix, Brian Talbot and a couple of young lads. While things are going well, there's no problem having youngsters in the team, but I feel we need experience now," says Tony.

"Petrovic trained with us in the close season and we were all disappointed when we heard the news that he had to go back to Yugoslavia."

"From what I saw of him in training I couldn't help but be impressed. His first touch of the ball is good and he's very quick to spot openings."

Tony has suffered his own problems settling into the side and after 13 League games he'd scored

FOR KEEPS! WOODCOCK WANTS EXTENDED RUN FOR ENGLAND

only four times. But he promises the Highbury fans: "You haven't seen the best of me yet!"

"I've still got to develop a perfect understanding with the rest of the team. Sometimes I'm getting balls when I don't want them."

"I'm also used to being more tightly marked. In West Germany I had a marker breathing down my neck for the entire 90 minutes."

"When I get the ball I turn quickly expecting the marker to be on my back. In England they tend to stand a yard off you," says Tony.

The striker, who spent loan periods at Doncaster and Lincoln before making the grade at Forest, started the season up front with Arsenal's other expensive signing Lee Chapman.

Lee now finds himself on the substitutes' bench and Tony is partnered by Alan Sunderland. "It has been unfortunate for Lee that Arsenal play the ball to the feet most times," says Tony.

"At Stoke the players used to knock high balls into the box so that Lee could fight for them. That's not the style here."

"At Arsenal he'll perhaps get six crosses and win three and that makes the crowd think he's not doing his fair share."

"I've never had any problems partnering players up front. As long as they've got a footballing brain we can work together," says Tony.



Tony Woodcock — "England and Arsenal are still to see the best of me."

I'M a 13-year-old Aberdeen fan and would like a pen pal of my own age from Spain, France or Eire.

Kevin Gould, 28 Lilybank Place, Aberdeen, Scotland.
SOFT CELL and OMD are my top pop groups and West Ham my favourite team. I'd like a pen pal over the age of 17 who supports 'The Hammers'.

Carol Rolton, 236 Colchester Road, Lawford, Manningtree, Essex.
I'M a 17-year-old Ipswich fan and would like a penfriend who supports any other team.

Laura Young, 33 Lammas Green, Sydenham Hill, London SE26.
TENNIS and cricket are my other hobbies as well as following Liverpool. I'd like to write to a fellow 'Reds' supporter of my own age.
Andrew White (10), 30 Holmes Grove, Henleaze, Bristol BS9 4EE.
SHEFFIELD United are my favourite club and I'd like a pen pal of my own

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Lee Taylor (14), 5 Northgate, Mexborough, South Yorks.
I'M a 19-year-old Leeds fan and would like a pen pal of my own age who also follows Leeds.

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I'M a football fan from Russia and would like to write to someone with whom I can swap souvenirs.
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Pen pals

'MY FAITH SAVED MY CAREER'

— CEC PODD

RECORD-breaking Bradford City full-back Cec Podd, the first black player to play 300 League games, believes his Christian faith helped save his career following a serious eye operation in the summer.

"I fractured my eye socket in two places during the last game of last season at Mansfield. This resulted in a trapped muscle and an operation was necessary so I missed the start of this season," says 30-year-old Cec, who has just established a new club appearance record of 444 games.

"During the lay-off, it occurred to me that my career might even be over but while I was worried, my religious faith was a great help to me.

"In fact, I feel my rapid recovery was more than coincidence.

"While I was still in bandages and feeling very low, a group of friends prayed with me at my home.

"Just two weeks later, in spite of having done no training, I was back in the first team and I've not only stayed there, I've collected a club record as well."

● **SWANSEA** City are to play at Rangers' Ibrox Park for the first time early in the New Year in a testimonial game for long-serving defender Tom Forsyth who was released by the Scottish side at the end of last season.

● **FIRST** Division new boys Watford have paid £15,000 for non-League Burton's teenage midfielder Richard Jobson.

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CHRIS Woods is after the England goalkeeping job... and the man he's hoping will help him achieve that aim is none other than the current number one!

Chris was understudy to Peter Shilton at Nottingham Forest and the Norwich 'keeper says:

"I've always rated Peter the best in the world and I'm planning to spend three or four days with him at The Dell. Just working with a man of his class, even for a short time, has got to help my England chances."

APPEARANCES CAN BE MISLEADING!

CONTRARY to the item that appeared in a recent 'Match Chat', Wimbledon boss David Bassett is NOT among the current club managers who have never played in the Football League.

While that fact does apply to the other three managers we named — Lawrie McMenemy (Southampton), Colin Murphy (Lincoln) and Martin Wilkinson (Peterborough) — Dave Bassett did, of course, play 37 times for Wimbledon during the 1977/78 season, the club's first in the League.

CALL UP CATON SAYS BOND

MANCHESTER City manager Bond has criticised the policy of new England boss Bobby Robson.

"I just can't agree with some of the selections he has made, both against Denmark and West Germany," says the controversial City manager.

"We may have a dearth of world class players at present... but some members of the current squad are little more than useful Football League standard."

And guess who Bond wants Robson to call up? "Our own Tommy Caton must come into the reckoning now. He's playing as well as any centre-half in the country and if Robson wants to continue to blood young players he has got to look at Caton."

● **EVEN** in the tough world of professional football there are still people prepared to give an old pal a helping hand.

When former Wolves coach Ian Ross heard that his old Aston Villa team mate Tommy Hughes had been appointed manager of Hereford, he offered to help with coaching duties for nothing.

Now he has signed for the club as a non-contract player and made a winning debut in the 1-0 win over Rochdale at the end of last month.



Manchester City's Tommy Caton — an England must, says John Bond.

FINNEY'S CALL FOR SUPER LEAGUE

TOM Finney, one of England's greatest post-war players, is backing the call for a 'Super League'.

He wants to see a First Division of no more than 18 teams which he believes would reduce congestion raise the standard and place the game on a much more solid financial footing.

And he would like to see the so-called Super League based on teams who draw the largest crowds.

"After all, why shouldn't fans who have demonstrated their willingness to watch football be given the opportunity to watch the best football?" he says in his new book, 'Tom Finney's Preston North End Scrapbook.'

And he makes other controversial suggestions in a bid to ease football's current plight. These include:

● Penalising a back pass from outside the penalty area.

● The introduction of a maximum wage in the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions to restore sanity to the wage structure.

● A ceiling on transfer fees with the introduction of a system of calculation used on the Continent to assess a player's worth on the transfer market.

His thoughts on the game today provide an interesting conclusion to a book that looks back on the career of this footballing legend.

Published by Souvenir Press, it sells at £5.95 (paperback) and £7.95 (hardback).

● **DUTCH** winger Bud Brocken has returned to Holland after a brief spell in the First Division with Birmingham.

Bud, who joined Birmingham last season from Tilburg along with striker Tonie Van Mierlo, has signed for Groningen after making just 17 First Division appearances.

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LEICESTER's double hat-trick hero Gary Lineker has special reason to celebrate when his team-mate Steve Lynex scores the opening goal in a game.

For whenever Steve hits the net Gary knows there's a fair chance he'll also end up on the scoresheet.

He explains: "It's amazing the amount of times I've followed Steve with a goal. It happened six times last season and twice already this season."

Gary is Leicester's leading scorer and has hit Second Division hat-tricks against both Carlisle and Derby already this season.

"I knew I was going to score against Carlisle because Steve got the first," says Gary, who got his first ever senior hat-trick in Leicester's comprehensive 6-0 win.

And Gary reveals that it was Steve who gave him the chance to score his third goal. He explains: "We were awarded a penalty in the last minute and as Steve had already completed his hat-trick he let me take the spot-kick."

Having two players scoring three goals in the same game gave the Carlisle officials a bit of a headache... they had to decide who got the match ball!

Left: Leicester's leading scorer Gary Lineker.

In the end each player was given a signed ball, but Gary says: "I'm sure I got the real one."

"My second hat-trick against Derby a few games later was the best because it didn't involve any penalties at all — they were all real goals," says the 22-year-old local lad.

Gary is now back to full fitness after recovering from a series of niggling injuries at the start of the season. He says: "I'm feeling fit and really sharp at the moment."

After a sticky start to the season Leicester have begun to climb up the Second Division table and Gary says: "Obviously our target this season is promotion."

"With a new manager in control it took us a little time to get used to a new style of play."

"This season we are more patient in our build-up. Under Jock Wallace we relied on booting the ball upfield as quickly as possible."

Gary has also had to get used to a new striking partner in Tom English following the departures of Alan Young to Sheffield United and Jim Melrose to Coventry.

But he says: "I enjoy playing up front with Tom. He's an unselfish player and provides me with a lot of scoring opportunities."

Giant-killers honoured

FAMOUS FA Cup giantkilling acts are featured in a new 360-page football book.

"Goodall's FA Cup Non-League Giant-killers Annual" recalls some of the legendary Cup feats of clubs like Yeovil, Altrincham, Hereford, Wigan and Peterborough.

No fewer than forty clubs figure in the book that is published by Goodall Publications Ltd and priced at £2.95.

In addition to club histories, which includes a reference to every match played since the war from the First Round onwards, there are detailed match reports covering some of the most important ties played by the featured non-League clubs.

● See Pages 16 and 17 for a spotlight on the would-be giant-killers this season.

MOUSE TAKES THE MICKEY!

THERE isn't much to joke about at Bristol City these days, but someone found time for a spot of light relief before the Fourth Division clash with Wimbledon at Ashton Gate.

They put a mouse in striker Glyn Riley's boots and it gave him the shock of his life!

But the joke was on visiting Wimbledon, because the former Barnsley player scored the first hat-trick of his career to end the Londoners' unbeaten League record.

ENGLAND and Tottenham star Glenn Hoddle will be making a personal appearance at the Walthamstow Avenue Football Club's programme fair on Sunday, December 5 (between 10.30am and 2pm) to sign copies of his autobiography.

RIGHT: Stoke's flying winger Mark Chamberlain receives the Match Weekly First Division 'Matchman of the Month' award for September from Editor Melvyn Bagnall, prior to the club's First Division clash with Liverpool at the Victoria Ground.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck



NO FAVOURS FROM OLD-BOYS

WHAT a season this is turning out to be for players scoring against their former team mates.

It happened no fewer than 18 times in the first two months of the season, with Manchester City's David Cross and Norwich's John Deehan both scoring against two of their former clubs.

Here's the list up to the end of last month:

David Cross	Man. City v Norwich	Aug. 28
Keith Edwards	Sheff. United v Hull	Aug. 31
Joe Jakub	Bury v Burnley	Aug. 31
Bryan Robson	Man. United v West Brom	Sept. 4
Keith Bertschin	Norwich v Birmingham	Sept. 8
Peter Withe	Aston Villa v Nott'm For	Sept. 11
Les Bradd	Wigan v Stockport	Sept. 14
Andy McCulloch	Sheff. Wed. v Q.P.R.	Sept. 18
Mick Tait	Portsmouth v Oxford	Sept. 18
John Deehan	Norwich v West Brom	Sept. 25
Tommy Craig	Carlisle v Sheff. Wed.	Sept. 28
David Cross	Man. City v Coventry	Oct. 2
Tommy Tynan	Newport v Lincoln	Oct. 2
Eamon O'Keefe	Wigan v Plymouth	Oct. 2
Terry Cochrane	Middlesbrough v Burnley	Oct. 5
Mike Thomas	Stoke v Brighton	Oct. 16
John Deehan	Norwich v Aston Villa	Oct. 23
Mick Vinter	Oxford v Wrexham	Oct. 23

UNWANTED HAT-TRICKS

WHO will be the first player to be sent off three times in a season?

That's the main talking point among statisticians with the new hard-line disciplinary approach leading to a record number of sending offs.

Already four players — Derby's Dave Swindlehurst, Brentford's Alan Whitehead, Tranmere's Les Parry and Northampton goalkeeper Neil Freeman — have been sent off twice so far this season.

There have already been more goalkeepers sent off this season than ever before. Prior to this season the figure was four, but at the beginning of November six had already received their marching orders — Peter Fox (Stoke), Jim Blyth (Birmingham), John Keeley (Southend), Eddie Niedzwiecki (Wrexham), Neil Freeman (Northampton) and Terry Gennoe (Blackburn).

ENGLAND cricketer Ian Botham wasn't joking when he announced: "I'm really going to miss Scunthorpe United FC when I'm in Australia."

And although it's been suggested that the big-hitter's involvement with Scunthorpe is all a gimmick, 'Irons' player-manager John Duncan takes it all very seriously.

"I think Ian is a good soccer player," says John.

"He has good timing and a lot of

promotion from Division Four.

And if their early season form is anything to go by, their chances of success are as good, if not better, than those of their cricketing friend.

But that's in sharp contrast to last season as their player-manager John Duncan explains:

"Last season was my first in management and I couldn't have had a worse start.

"I was injured for much of the

England with Spurs and Derby County.

Now he's putting that to good use and all the hard work and worry seems to be paying off.

After a series of drawn matches, Scunthorpe now find themselves on the winning trail and chasing the leaders.

"I'm quietly pleased, of course, although I knew I had a good set of players together," says John.

have to start somewhere and in Steve's case it happens to be here at Scunthorpe. We've given him the chance and now it's up to him."

If results are anything to go by, Steve's taking his chance. And as for the boss himself, he's back on the park and turning in some good performances.

IRONS ON FIRE!

skill for a big man. Any time he wants to train with us, he is more than welcome.

"As for him getting a place in the team, he would be carefully considered along with everyone else."

For the time being, however, Ian's goal is to help England to victory in the Test series under the blazing Australian sun.

Meanwhile, his some-time Scunthorpe team-mates are preparing for a long hard winter as they bid for the somewhat less publicised sporting prize of

time and that created pressure in itself because the fans were expecting to see more of me on the field.

"The team struggled and, in the end, we found ourselves applying for re-election to the Football League.

"At the same time, the club found itself on the brink of financial collapse. After that lot, things could only get better."

Thirty-three-year-old John arrived at Scunthorpe with a wealth of playing experience under his belt — both as a striker in Scotland with Dundee and in

"But it's too early to be talking about success. There is still three-quarters of the season to go."

Of the new players to come in, the undoubted successes have been centre-backs Steve Baines and Les Hunter — the Scunthorpe defence conceding just six goals in the first 12 matches.

For Steve, it's been a particularly rewarding time with the additional coaching responsibilities he has at Scunthorpe.

On Steve's appointment as coach, John Duncan says:

"No, he's not done any coaching before as far as I know. But you




John Duncan — couldn't have had a worse start in management.

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JUST a few weeks ago, Watford goalkeeper Steve Sherwood was commiserating with Sunderland counterpart Chris Turner after the First Division newcomers' amazing 8-0 blitz at Vicarage Road. Now, Steve knows only too well how Chris felt after that shell-shocked experience.

For Steve himself was on the receiving end of a seven-goal rocket from rejuvenated Nottingham Forest in a 7-3 Milk Cup Round thriller at the City Ground.

It was his worst experience as Forest extracted full revenge for a 4-1 beating at Watford in the same competition two seasons ago.

"It hurts your pride and you spend the next day reflecting on the goals and wondering whether you could have prevented any of them," says the former Chelsea 'keeper. "But I don't think any of them could be put down to me because, like Chris Turner a few weeks ago, I didn't play

that badly despite the scoreline.

"It was one of those nights when everything went right for Forest. Both attacks played well, but they took their chances and we didn't. It was as simple as that.

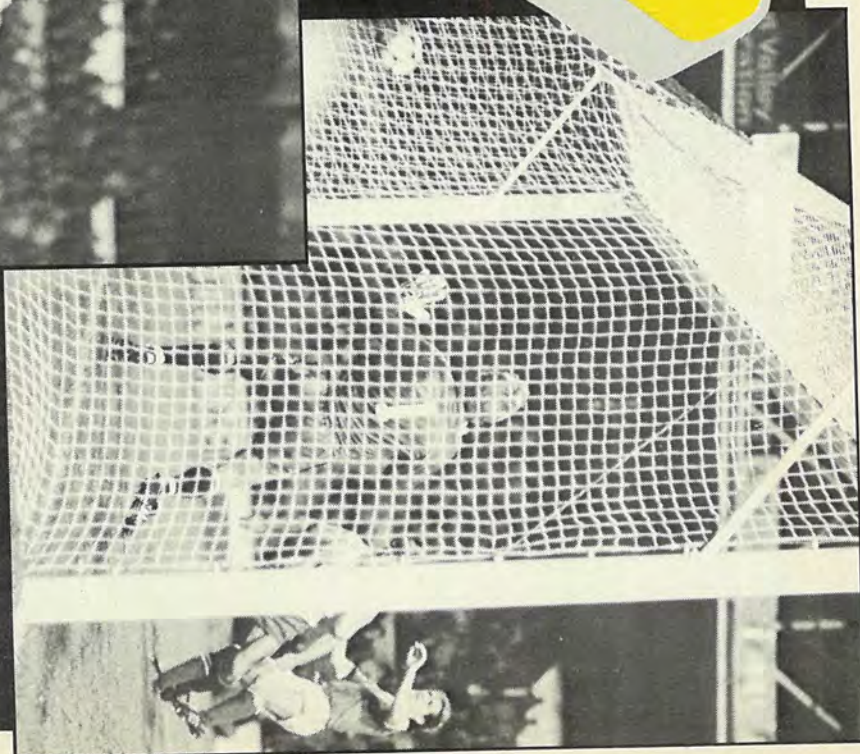
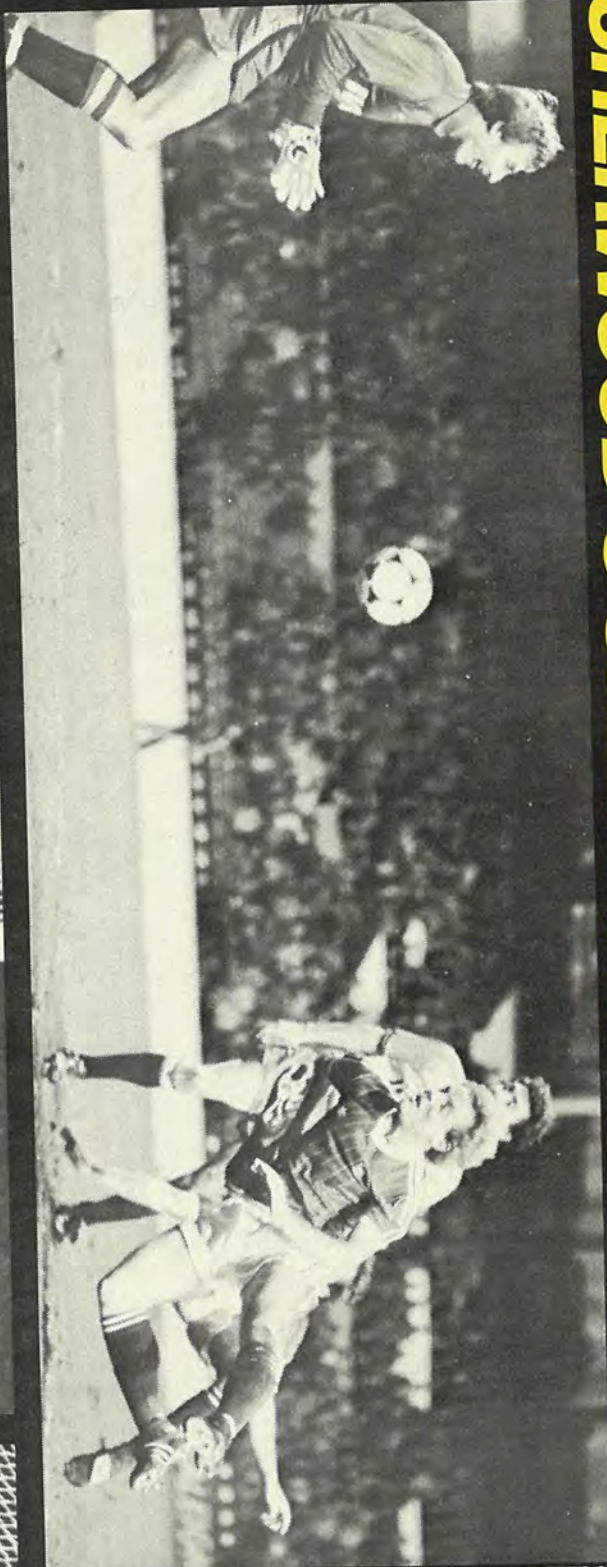
"There was no lack of commitment from us, but we played badly defensively, whereas at Tottenham a few days earlier we had kept a clean sheet.

"Garry Birtles and Ian Wallace presented us with a lot of problems as they did in our 3-0 League defeat there last month.

"On the form they showed against us, Forest will beat most teams at home and must be a good bet to go all the way to Wembley in this competition.

"We were all obviously very disappointed with the result, but on the credit side we played our part in what must have been one of the most entertaining games of the season."

SHERWOOD'S UNLUCKY

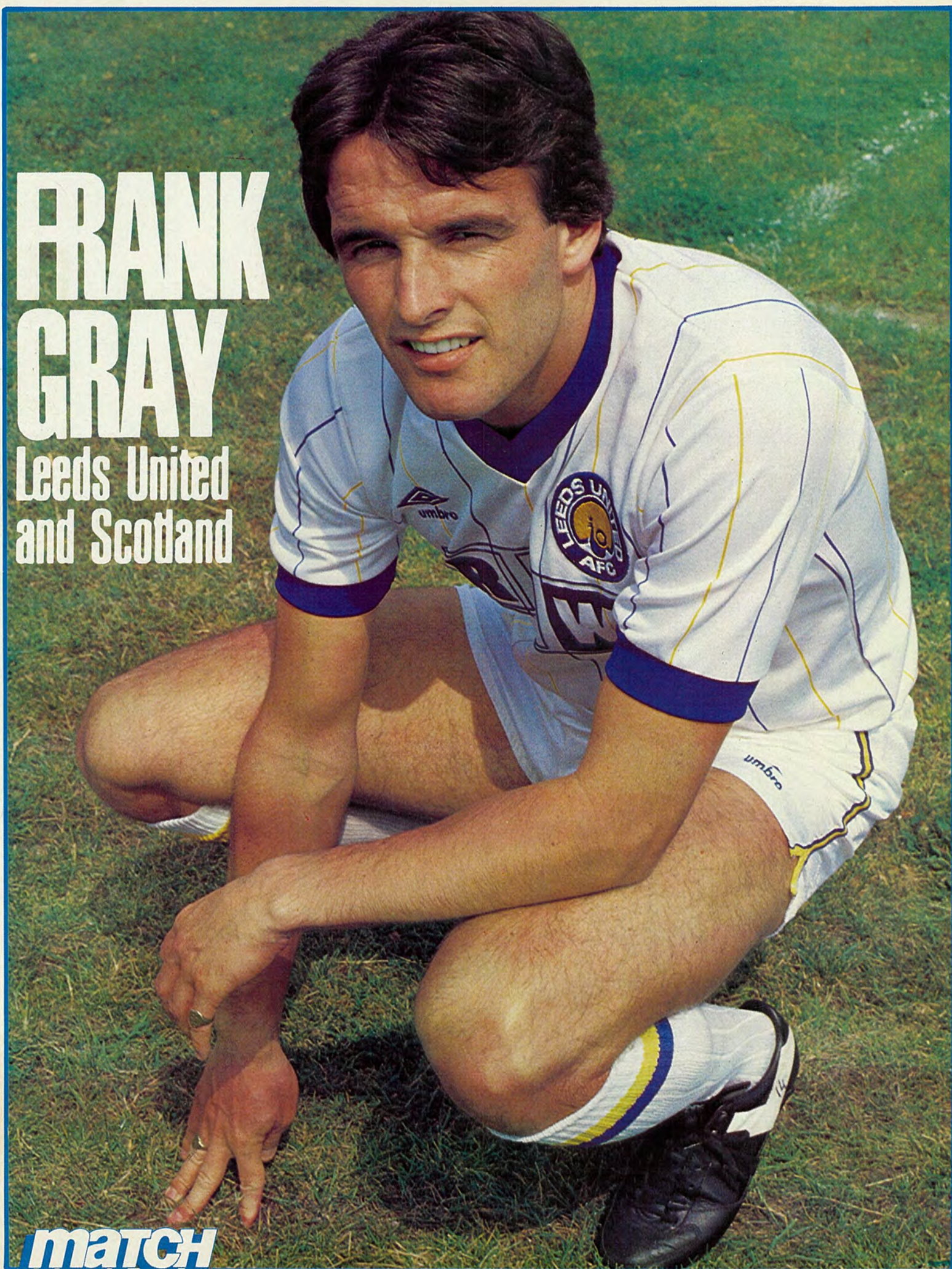


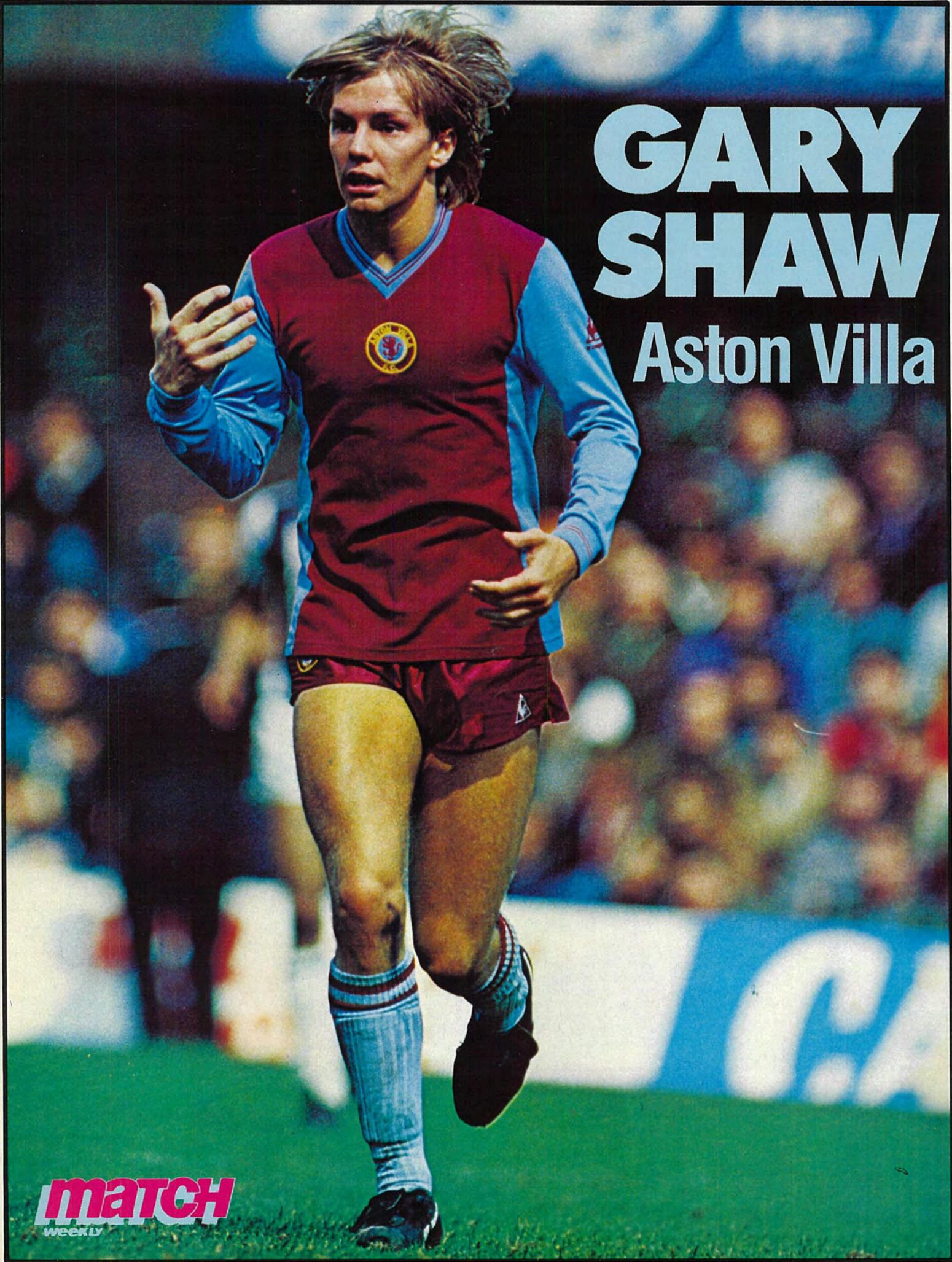
ABOVE: Mark Proctor (right) scores one of his two goals for Forest.
LEFT: Watford goalkeeper Steve Sherwood is well placed to deal with this Ian Wallace effort.
BELOW: One at the other end for Watford's Ross Jenkins with a three-picture sequence of one of his two goals.



FRANK GRAY

Leeds United
and Scotland



A full-page photograph of Gary Shaw, a footballer, in action. He is wearing a maroon Aston Villa jersey with light blue sleeves and shorts, running on a green pitch. The background is a blurred crowd in a stadium. The text 'GARY SHAW' is printed in large, bold, white capital letters in the upper right corner, and 'Aston Villa' is printed in white capital letters below it.

GARY SHAW

Aston Villa

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STAR CHALLENGE

THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST STEVE FOSTER



MANCHESTER United's League Championship hopes could be dented when they visit European Champions Aston Villa on Saturday.

Brighton and England defender Steve Foster — this week's guest on 'Star Challenge' — believes that the Villa Park side will beat Ron Atkinson's men 3-1.

That would give Liverpool an opportunity to increase their lead at the top of the table because Steve goes for the Champions to beat Notts County 3-1 at Meadow Lane.

Tottenham play West Ham in the big London derby game and Steve expects the White Hart Lane set-up to pick up the points with a 2-1 win.

Brighton skipper Steve is challenged by 15-year-old Helen Chadwick, of Newbury, Berks.

Each week we select ten matches and one lucky reader gets the chance to see his or her predictions in print — alongside those of a favourite player.

You can see both Steve and Helen's predictions in the special panel below.

Points are awarded according to

how accurate the forecasts are and if Helen manages to score more than her favourite player, she will be presented with a 'Star Challenge' certificate.

Win or lose, every reader lucky enough to tackle a star receives a personally signed photograph.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge' all you have to do is write in, giving your name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and, most importantly, your home telephone number.

And don't forget to state your favourite team and players. Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DJ.

We still haven't received many entries from our readers North of the border, so come on you Scottish fans, send in your entries for 'Star Challenge.'

● **BAD** luck to 'Match' reader Deborah Waldron of Formby, Liverpool. Deborah drew five points each with Everton midfielder star Adrian Heath on November 6.



Left: Steve Foster, Brighton's England centre-half, and inset Helen Chadwick of Newbury, Berks — this week's rivals in Star Challenge.

FIXTURES

Saturday, Nov. 20
DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v Man. Utd
Coventry v Luton
Everton v West Brom
Man. C. v Birmingham
Norwich v Stoke
Notts Co. v Liverpool
Southampton v Ipswich
Sunderland v Nott'm F
Swansea v Arsenal
Spurs v West Ham
Watford v Brighton

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v Bolton
Cambridge v QPR
Carlisle v Newcastle
Charlton v Rotherham
Chelsea v Shrewsbury
Derby v Oldham
Grimsby v Barnsley
Leeds v Middlesbro
Leicester v C. Palace
Sheff. Wed. v Burnley
Wolves v Fulham

● FA Cup First Round fixtures and preview on pages 16 and 17.

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v St Mirren
Celtic v Motherwell
Dundee Utd v Hibernian
Kilmarnock v Rangers
Morton v Dundee

FIRST DIVISION

Alloa v St Johnstone
Clydebank v Clyde
Dunfermline v Dumbarton
Hamilton v Ayr
Hearts v Falkirk
Partick v Airdrie
Queens Park v Raith

SECOND DIVISION

Albion v Montrose
Brechin v Meadowbank
East Fife v Queen of Sth
E. Stirling v Arbroath
Forfar v Stranraer
Stenhousemuir v Cowdenbeath
Stirling v Berwick

Fri, Nov 26

DIVISION THREE

Millwall v Orient

DIVISION FOUR

Stockport v Swindon

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent. There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

the actual result. Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Aston Villa v Man. Utd	2-2	3-1		
Coventry v Luton	1-0	2-2		
Everton v West Brom	0-0	2-0		
Man. City v Birmingham	2-0	4-0		
Norwich v Stoke	1-1	0-1		
Notts Co. v Liverpool	1-3	1-3		
Southampton v Ipswich	2-1	2-0		
Sunderland v Nott'm F	0-1	1-1		
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MIKE THOMAS STOKE CITY AND WALES

STOKE 1 LIVERPOOL 1
League Division One, Victoria Ground,
October 23, 1982.

MIKE THOMAS was still kicking himself for missing a sitter from six yards when he cracked home one of the best goals he's ever scored. A long ball from Sammy McIlroy was aimed towards Brendan O'Callaghan and Phil Thompson's attempted clearance saw the ball fall to Mike 30 yards out from the Liverpool goal.

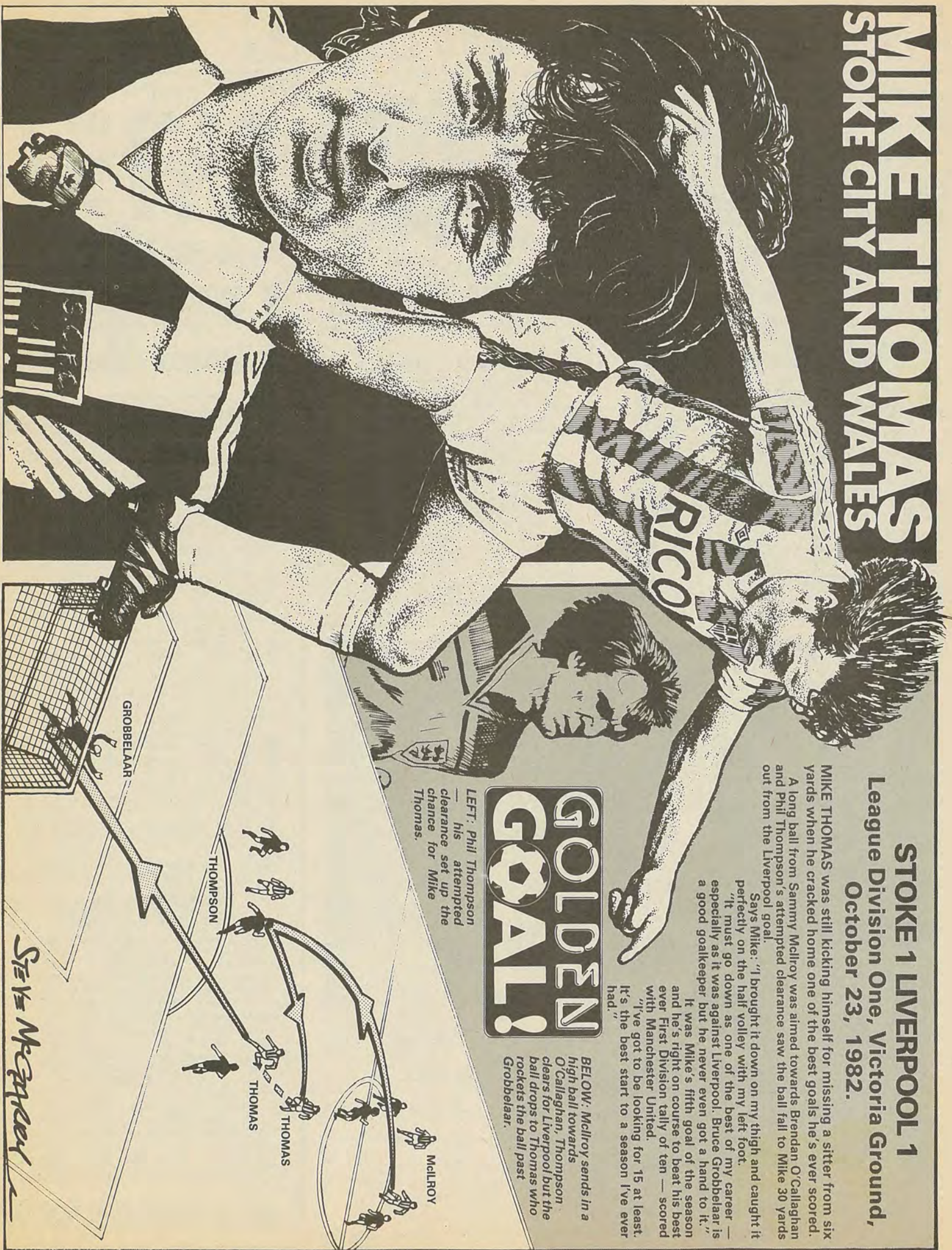
Says Mike: "I brought it down on my thigh and caught it perfectly on the half volley with my left foot. 'It must go down as one of the best of my career — especially as it was against Liverpool. Bruce Grobelaar is a good goalkeeper but he never even got a hand to it.'"

It was Mike's fifth goal of the season and he's right on course to beat his best ever First Division tally of ten — scored with Manchester United. "I've got to be looking for 15 at least. It's the best start to a season I've ever had."

GOLDEN GOAL!

BELOW: McIlroy sends in a high ball towards O'Callaghan. Thompson clears for Liverpool but the ball drops to Thomas who rockets the ball past Grobelaar.

LEFT: Phil Thompson — his attempted clearance set up the chance for Mike Thomas.



QUICK QUIZ

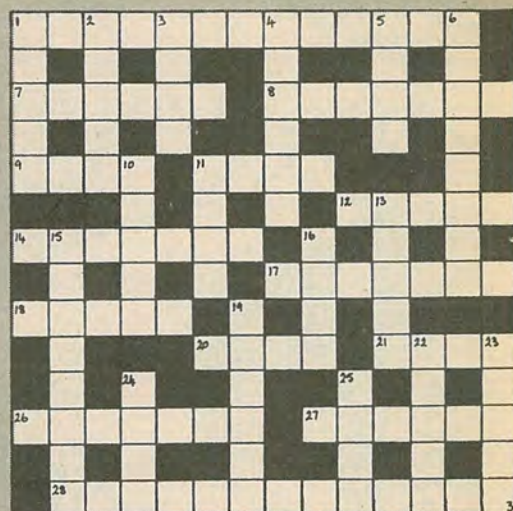
HOW well do you know your football? Find out in our quick quiz. If you get between 8-10 right consider yourself an expert; 6-8 good; 4-6 average; below 4 keep reading 'Match'.

- 1 Which former Leeds goalkeeper is back at Elland Road after a spell in the States?
- 2 Which player holds the record for England Under-21 caps?
- 3 Which Italian club does Argentina World Cup skipper Daniel Passarella play for?
- 4 Who is captain of Notts County?
- 5 What do Gary Lineker of Leicester and Bob Latchford of Swansea have in common?
- 6 Who scored England's goal in the 2-1 home defeat at the hands of West Germany last month?
- 7 Which club play at Elm Park and are known as the Royals?
- 8 Who recently resigned as manager of Crewe?
- 9 Jim Melrose was involved in a swap deal with which other player when he moved from Leicester to Coventry this season?
- 10 Peter Beardsley signed for Manchester United from which American club?

SOCCERWORD

Across

1. Striker who moved to Mansfield from Shrewsbury in August (4,9)
7. Former Portsmouth keeper with Edmonton Drillers during the summer (6)
8. WBA's regular keeper before Godden (7)
9. Plymouth Argyle's top-scorer last season (4)
11. Six-yard --- (4)
12. Old Manchester United and Ireland keeper who managed Shrewsbury (5)
14. Long-serving Bristol City defender who was one of the men whose contracts were bought up last season (7)
17. Defender who played over 400 games for York and finished with a few games for Huddersfield a couple of season ago (7)
- 18 & 27 across. The winner of Match Weekly's "Mastermind of Soccer" had a day out with this star (5,6)
20. One of Cowdenbeath's colours (4)
21. Blundell Park hides another famous ground! (4)
26. 'Ah, money!' (anagram) — to buy the Swansea international? (7)
27. See 18 across
28. 'Drives the cars' (anagram) — and picks up the Hull utility player (5,8)



Down

1. The saint at Newcastle's ground? (5)
2. A saintly ring plus what finishes Rotherham... which is where much-travelled striker Vic --- ended his career (5)
3. Relegation is referred to as 'the big ---' (4)
4. They're not just to keep the keeper's hands warm! (6)
5. It's what led to the deaths of over 300 spectators at an international in Lima in 1964 (4)
6. Sunderland signed this defender from Wigan (8)
10. Soccer's best-known Jock (5)
- 11 & 22 down. 'Rex Leadle' (anagram) — famous old Burnley, Stoke and Ireland full-back (4,5)
13. Vienna club in this season's European Cup (5)
15. He went from Brighton to Palace as a swap for Smillie in the summer (8)
16. City where West Germany won the last European Championship (4)
19. Any footballer on the pitch (7)
22. See 11 down
23. One of the clubs which 10 down managed (5)
24. These three brothers who played for Swansea sound as if they're all in one piece! (4)
25. The nickname of Peterborough (4)

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Riddle time

I'VE played for clubs in all four home countries. I started my career in Wales with Cardiff, moved to Northern Ireland with Bangor, England with Mansfield and I'm now with a Premier Division club in Scotland. I'm currently captain of my club side and played for my country in the World Cup Finals. Don't miss next week's 'Riddle Time' when my identity will be revealed.

● The answer to last week's 'Riddle Time' was Ipswich and England defender Russell Osman.

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MATCH OF THE WEEK

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COMMON LINK

APART from the fact that this trio (above) joined new clubs in the close season, what else have they in common.

UNRAVEL the jumbled letters to identify which two teams are playing each other.

SOLUTIONS

MATCH OF THE WEEK: St Mirren v Montrose
COMMON LINK: George Barry of Stoke (Pic A), Gary Mabbutt of Spurs (B) and Carlisle's Malcolm Forsyth (C) — all scored on their League debuts on the opening day of this season.
SOCIETYWORD: Across: 1. John Dunningworth, 7. Mellor, 8. Osborne, 9. Sims, 11. Bree, 12. Gregg, 14. Sweeney, 17. Topping, 18 & 27 across: Glenn Hoddle, 20 blue, 21. Dell, 26. Mahoney, 27. See 18 across, 28. Steve Richards, down: 1. James (St J. Park), 2. Halo-m, 3. drop, 4. gloves, 5. riot, 6. Himmigan, 10. Stein, 11 & 22 down: Alex Elder, 13. Rapid, 15. Williams, 16. Home, 19. player, 22. See 11 down, 23. Leeds, 24. Hole (Whole), 25. Posh.
LEADS: 24. Hole (Whole), 25. Posh.
QUICK QUIZ: 1. David Harvey, 2. Gary Owen, 3. Florentino, 4. Pedro Richards, 5. Both have scored two hat-tricks this season, 6. Tony Woodcock, 7. Reading, 8. Arton Griffiths, 9. Tommy English, 10. Vancouver Whitecaps.

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ALL THE WAY TO WEMBLEY

MATCH Weekly is on the FA Cup trail with tiny Holbeach United.

We've adopted the homely United Counties League side who have made club history by reaching the First Round.

Should they fall to Third Division Wrexham this weekend, we shall then follow the Welsh side into the next round. And we shall continue

to adopt a side in every round right up to the big Wembley showdown next May.

But this week the spotlight is firmly trained on Holbeach . . .

● Stories by Melvyn Beck



THE achievements of Holbeach United in football terms would hardly merit a mention in soccer's annals.

The mere fact that the opening of their new clubhouse on the council-owned public park was regarded as the highlight of their 55-year existence, tends to illustrate that point.

They've never won the United Counties League that has been their province for most of their life, although they were second on two occasions.

They did lift the League Cup once, but the trophy cupboard at Carter's Park has hardly been bulging over the years.

But now the Tigers, who were technically bankrupt six years ago and on the verge of quitting the UCL, have suddenly leapt into national prominence.

They've even shocked themselves by reaching the FA Cup First Round for the first time, especially as they had only once before survived the second qualifying round.

Suddenly the club has hit the big time, and, apart from First Round visitors Wrexham, national press

and television men have been scanning their maps to find out where Holbeach is actually situated.

The quiet Lincolnshire town, nestling in the flat Fenland countryside between the tulip fields of Spalding and the industrial port of Boston, has been buzzing since the shock 1-0 win at Southern League Corby in the Fourth Qualifying Round.

For the first time the major topic of conversation among the 6,000 population has been the exploits of the football club that can only boast a following of around 200 on a good day.

The club are expecting at least half the town to make the twenty-odd mile trip to Fourth Division Peterborough's ground, where the David v Goliath tussle will take place.

Club officials even rejected a £3,000 guarantee from the Third Division club to switch the clash to Wales — and that kind of money is almost millionaire talk to a club that survives almost solely on fund-raising activities.

But, as hard-working vice-chairman Russ Delahoy

THE HOLBEACH HEROES

STAN SECKER (goalkeeper) — A lorry driver in his ninth season with the club. 'Player of the Year' in 1979-80.

DICK KWIATKOWSKI (full-back) — Football League experience with Peterborough United and played twice in the FA Vase Final for Stamford at Wembley. A bank official, he's the only newcomer to the squad this season.

MARTIN GOSLING (full-back) — Local boy who had trials with Notts County and Scunthorpe. He's manager of a produce grading station.

LLOYD HUDSON (defender) — Player-manager who first played for the club at 16. Capped 17 times by Lincolnshire, he works on a turkey farm.

ALLAN DAY (defender) — The club skipper who played for Cambridge City, Boston and Bourne before joining Holbeach. He's a transport manager with British Sugar.

KEVIN MALTBY (midfield) — Nicknamed 'Mouse', he had a spell with Notts County as an apprentice. He moved to Holbeach five seasons ago.

WAYNE DELAHOY (midfield) — A product of the club's youth scheme, he had trials with Nottingham Forest and Watford. He's in the building trade.

MARK BEMROSE (midfield) — Another product of the youth scheme, he played for Derby Boys. He works as a Building Society clerk.

BOB MERCHANT (striker) — A surveyor with the local drainage board, he has scored more than 100 goals in the United Counties League.

NIGEL RANSOME (striker) — Holbeach's top scorer in the FA Cup this season, he is in his second spell with the club. He works at a local pre-packed vegetable unit.

JERRY LOWERY (striker) — His father, Jerry, used to play in goal for Newcastle and Peterborough in the early 1950s. He's a local carpenter.

PAUL LANGFORD (forward) — A product of the club's youth scheme, he had trials with Watford, Nottingham Forest and Peterborough.

PHILIP MASON (striker) — Another player emerging from the youth ranks and was voted 'Young Player of the Year' last season.

DAVID WHISKER (defender) — Came from the youth ranks to win caps for Lincolnshire Youths. He works in the building trade.

GRAHAM GAUNT (defender) — Experienced defender who had reserve team experience with Sheffield Wednesday. He also played for Boston United under current Oxford manager Jim Smith.

HOW THEY GOT THERE

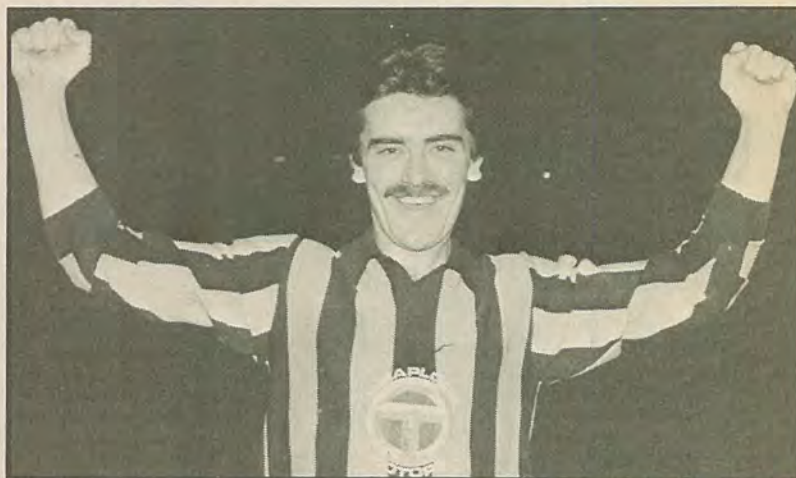
First Qualifying Round
LONG EATON (home) 3-1 — Ransome 2, Hudson

Second Qualifying Round
RUSHALL OLYMPIC (home) 1-0 — Ransome

Third Qualifying Round
MOOR GREEN (home) 2-1 — Bemrose, Lowery

Fourth Qualifying Round
CORBY TOWN (away) 1-0 — Ransome

ROAR



Holbeach goal hero Nigel Ransome relishes facing the Wrexham defence.

GOAL KING RANSOME

GOAL hero Nigel Ransome is relishing the prospect of facing a Football League defence for the first time.

The 28-year-old striker, the match winner in two of the previous rounds, has never even played on a League ground let alone faced a full-time professional outfit.

But he remains optimistic about his chances of adding to his tally of four goals in four FA Cup ties this season.

"I know our chances of winning are slim, but from what I've seen I don't think the gap between League and non-League football is that great," says Nigel, who is in his second spell with the club.

"I know it's going to be difficult for us, but I have hit some good form recently and I am looking forward to the challenge.

"I never expected us to win at Corby in the last round. That goal I grabbed in the second half was the most important of my career. I was still celebrating when Corby wanted to re-start the game.

"I'd love to score the winner again on Saturday, but whatever the result, I can guarantee that we will fight and battle right to the final whistle.

"It will be interesting to see just what difference there is between ourselves and a Third Division team."

explains: "It wasn't practical to stage the match at our tiny ground because of the problems involved, notably the danger of hooliganism."

"We didn't take long to dismiss Wrexham's offer because we wanted to stage the match somewhere close by so that the people of the town could be involved in the club's greatest day."

"This tie is the real icing on the cake for the club. It's come just a few weeks after the opening of our new clubhouse that was the culmination of six years' hard graft."

"Just six years ago we were as good as bankrupt, but the whole club has been shaken up and the committee have worked wonders to put the club on a stable footing again," adds Russ, whose son Wayne is one of the cup heroes.

"And it's nice to think that all the players come from within a radius of about 15 miles, with five of the senior squad coming through the club's youth ranks."

"It's a great achievement. There are not many clubs of our size who can boast four youth teams, a reserve team and a side in the First Round of the FA Cup."

HOLBEACH skipper Allan Day (left) and goal hero Nigel Ransome get a lift from their happy team mates. Back row (left to right): Lloyd Hudson (player-manager), Martin Gosling, Jerry Lowery, Kevin Maltby, David Whisker, Dick Kwiatkowski, Graham Gaunt. Front row: Stan Secker, Paul Langford, Wayne Delahoy, Philip Mason, Bob Merchant, Mark Bemrose.



OF THE TIGERS

Dick knows the way to Wembley!

LITTLE Holbeach are unlikely to walk out at Wembley next May, but at least one of their players can add realism to their dreams by telling them about the magic of playing in a cup final at that famous stadium.

New full-back Dick Kwiatkowski, the only player in the squad with League experience — he played for Peterborough United in the early seventies — actually played there twice for near-neighbours Stamford in the FA Vase.

And 34-year-old Dick is as excited about the prospect of facing Wrexham at his former League base as he was collecting a winner's medal from the Royal Box two years ago.

"I won everything possible with Stamford in the United Counties League, but we never managed to reach the First Round proper in the FA Cup," says the bank official.

"Now, after just a couple of months with Holbeach, I've made it. It's unbelievable."

"I had two great days at Wembley with Stamford, but this game with Wrexham has equal billing in my mind."

HOLBEACH player-manager Lloyd Hudson couldn't hide his amusement when told of Wrexham's financial plight and how rival boss Bobby Roberts was wrestling with a shoestring budget.

He didn't intend to be disrespectful to the struggling Welsh club who are likely to arrive in a fleet of cars to reduce costs.

But he couldn't help smiling at the reaction of the national press when he told them he hadn't even got a shoestring budget.

"They just didn't believe that my players don't get anything for playing, apart from travelling expenses, and many of them don't even claim them," says the 33-year-old defender who rears turkeys during the week and breeds battling, homespun footballers at the weekends.

"In fact, I suppose it costs many of the players money to play for the club and all of them have been involved in fund-raising events to keep the club going."

"There would be no win bonus for them — only a free pint in the new clubroom."

But, as he prepares for the biggest day of his soccer career that spans 17 years in local non-League football, there are no rash predictions about his team's prospects of producing one of the Cup shocks of recent times.

"I never even gave the FA Cup a second thought at the beginning of the season because I thought we would struggle after sustaining several injuries early on," he explains.

"Now, we have made it to the First

FIRST ROUND DRAW

Hartlepool v Lincoln; Hull v Sheffield United; York v Bury; Preston v Shephed Charterhouse; Macclesfield v Worcester; Huddersfield v Mossley; Wigan v Telford; Chesterfield v Peterborough; Blackpool v Horwich; Tranmere v Scarborough; Workington v Doncaster; Walsall v Kettering; Holbeach v Wrexham; Boston United v Crewe; Port Vale v Bradford City; Darlington v Scunthorpe; Altrincham v Rochdale; Mansfield v Stockport; Chester v Northwich; Halifax v North Shields; Swindon v Wealdstone;

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Round for the first time, I can hardly believe it. It's like a dream.

"Whether that dream will continue after Saturday, well, we'll just have to wait and see."

"If the match was played on our small ground then I believe our chances would have been about even."

"But playing on a League ground which they are used to gives them a big advantage."

"We are not the most skilful side in our League, but we are probably one of the fittest and we'll run and battle all day."

"If we can avoid any disasters while we are getting our feet back on the ground at the start, then we could give them a frustrating time."

"The longer the game stays goalless, then the better our chances of pinching it."

Lloyd hasn't bothered to watch any of his Cup opponents so far this season,

including Wrexham, but he has gleaned some information from one of his rival managers.

"Nearby Bourne boss Terry Bates used to be youth coach at Wrexham and he has provided me with some information by courtesy of former Wrexham manager Arfon Griffiths."

"But it's going to be how we react on the day that really counts."

"As long as we put up a good show and aren't disgraced, then I'll be satisfied."

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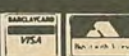
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GLASGOW GLOOM

CELTIC and Rangers are no longer Scotland's flagbearers in Europe. That title now belongs to Aberdeen and Dundee United.

Following the exit of the two Glasgow giants, it's up to ourselves and United to carry Scottish hopes abroad.

Rangers were crushed 5-0 by Tony Woodcock's old team, Cologne in the UEFA Cup, while Premier Division Champions Celtic fell to Real Sociedad of Spain.

The Rangers result really surprised me because they outclassed Celtic in the first leg at Ibrox. But they paid the penalty for not scoring enough goals at home and were punished by a typically arrogant German display in the return.

Celtic were always up against it in the European Cup. It's no fun playing against any Spanish side.

Aberdeen's progress to the Quarter-Finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup made us very proud because it's the farthest the club have ever gone in 17 years of European competition.

I believe that we've now got the potential to beat anyone, so we're

not worried about who we get in the next round.

At least we've got a couple of months' rest before we continue our campaign in Europe — not so for Dundee United who play their first leg of their Third Round tie against West German side Werder Bremen at Tannadice Park next Wednesday.

United must be a little disappointed with the draw. I'm sure they'd have rather gone for one of the glamour clubs.

I don't know that much about Bremen except for the fact that Dave Watson used to play for them and they have a player called Uwe Reinders in their side.

Uwe played a couple of games for West Germany in the World Cup Finals in Spain. Kevin Keegan

... AS ABERDEEN AND UNITED MARCH ON

once likened him to an English version of Steve Kindon — the sturdy winger who used to fly down the flanks for Burnley, Wolves and Huddersfield.

United should be boosted by the return of Paul Sturrock, who has been out with an eye injury after being hit in the face by a football.

They certainly missed the Scottish striker when we beat them 5-1 at Pittodrie a couple of weeks ago.

It was a great victory for us and took a huge weight off our minds. Having been beaten three times by them this season we were beginning to think they were our bogey side.

That was the feeling after just 19 minutes when Richard Gough headed United into the lead, but we showed total commitment and determination and ran out easy winners.

I scored our fifth — with a goal that everyone has been raving about — I must admit it's my best of the season so far.

I got the ball from a throw-in just inside their half, turned in one movement and raced towards goal. When I reached the edge of the penalty box I saw a gap and beat goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine with a long range shot.

Manager Alex Ferguson must have been impressed with my overall performance because he gave me a couple of welcome days off — my first rest of the season.

The way I play — racing from defence to attack — makes it important for me to have a couple of breaks during the campaign.

On Saturday I'll be back in action when we play St Mirren at Pittodrie and we'll be hoping for another two points to keep up the challenge on leaders Celtic.

Last season I scored twice against them in a 5-1 victory and I rated that as one of my best ever performances in an Aberdeen shirt.

Young striker Frank McAvennie, who burst onto the scene last season, is the hot property at St Mirren and I hear that the club have just refused a £200,000 bid from Luton for him.

Billy Stark is also a player I rate very highly and he leads a midfield which I consider one of the best in

the League.

Goalkeeper Billy Thomson — Match Weekly's Scottish Premier Division Matchman of the Month for October — is back to his best form too. I know he was very disappointed to miss out on Scotland's trip to Spain.

The following Saturday we travel to Ibrox for a game against Rangers. It's a match I'm really looking forward to because I enjoy playing there. They've got perhaps the best stadium in Britain.

To play in front of a big crowd is fantastic. In many ways the fans make the game for me.

This season manager John Greig has changed Rangers style of play. He's gone for a more patient build-up whereas in the past they tended to knock long balls for Derek Johnstone to chase.

They build more from the back now and much of that is due to the form of skipper John McClelland, who picked up a lot of experience with Northern Ireland in the World Cup, and £200,000 close season signing from Hibernian, Craig Paterson.

Striker Derek Johnstone is back among the goals and looking as sharp as ever. He's the sort of player who will be out of the game for 89 minutes and then pop up with two goals.

Rangers are always a hard team to beat. You could put 11 schoolboys in those famous blue shirts and still struggle against them. Such is the tradition and feeling that goes with the club.

Finally, I was very pleased to be voted Mackinlay's Whisky 'Scottish Football Personality of the Month'. I received a gallon bottle of the hard stuff and £200.

It's always nice to be recognised in some way, but much of the credit must go to my Aberdeen team-mates. If we weren't doing so well I wouldn't have won it. See you in two weeks time!



● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

THE GORDON STRACHAN COLUMN

The Aberdeen and Scotland star gives his exclusive views on the ups and downs of Scottish teams in Europe... and tells why he can't wait to face Rangers in the League.



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WEDNESDAY



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"If this is heaven where's the football?"

"I could do better mys"

"What are you two arguing about now?"

"I know you get to keep the match ball after scoring a hat-trick, but there's still 25 minutes of the match to go!"

It's Fun Time

"I like British clubs — think I'll buy Aston Villa, Coventry and Nottingham Forest."

"Since helping to put the posts up I feel sort of half paralysed."

FOOTBALL CRAZY

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All around the ground are hoardings advertising various companies and products. Yet the TV companies insist on this ridiculous shirts rule.

Why don't they apply the same standards to athletic events? Whenever I see an athletics meeting on TV, the competitors are allowed to wear the sponsors' name above their number.

Stephen Colins, Solihull, West Midlands.

THE North East has recently found two soccer saviours for its ailing football fraternity.

Kevin Keegan was the first, putting new life into Newcastle United, and now Malcolm Allison has returned from Portugal to revive Middlesbrough.

Allison's coaching flair and powers to get the best out of players will, I'm sure, help Middlesbrough fight their way clear of the relegation zone.

Paul Myers, Durham School, Durham.

I AM furious about soccer's admission prices and the high cost of programmes.

I'm an Arsenal fan and went to Cardiff's match with the Gunners' last month. I had to pay £3.50 for a grandstand seat as did an eight-year-old lad I took to the game.

If that wasn't bad enough, the match programme cost 35p — for just eight pages. Soccer is pricing itself out of existence.

Stephen Durbin, Neath, West Glamorgan.

FOLLOWING Bobby Robson's call-up of several black players to the England squad, 'Match' compiled a 'Black Magic XI'.

Here's my alternative team:
Alex Williams (Man. City),
Brendon Batson (West Brom),
Chris Fairclough (Forest),
George Berry (Stoke), Pedro Richards (Notts County), Paul Davis (Arsenal), Vince Hilaire (Palace), Remi Moses (Man. Utd), Laurie Cunningham (Real Madrid), Justin Fashanu (Forest), Garry Thompson (Coventry).

E. Collins, Top Valley, Nottingham.

GOLDEN GOOF

BIRMINGHAM City must prefer experienced players . . . especially when one aged 171 makes his debut for them! Ian Harrison of Oadby, Leicester, spotted this Golden Goof.

Birmingham battled on gallantly and full marks to the kids — particularly Blake and the 17-year-old Wayne Mumford, who made his home debut in fine style.



IT SEEMS that Birmingham City boss Ron Saunders has tried everything to rid St Andrews of a gypsy curse.

He has painted the players' boots red, employed a spiritualist and used any number of lucky rabbits' feet.

But Birmingham will not escape relegation this season. And Ron will rue the fact that he's Birmingham's 13th manager since the war!

Gary Burrows, Aylestone, Leicester.

• **OF all the loony ideas, Saunders' beat-the-curse mumbo-jumbo takes the biscuit. Birmingham certainly are unlucky... in having a superstitious boss full of half-baked ideas.**



Kenny Dalglish — not even Liverpool can afford to lose him.

EVER since the signing from Middlesbrough of David Hodgson, many people have been saying that Kenny Dalglish's days at Liverpool are numbered.

They are wrong. Not even a club of Liverpool's stature can afford to do without the services of one of Britain's greatest ever players.

Andrew Hughes, Eccleston, Lancs.

I SHOULD like to appeal to all readers of 'Match' on behalf of SPARKS — Sportsmen Pledged to Aid Research into Crippling.

SPARKS, besides collecting funds to help research into crippling diseases, operates a unique catamaran called 'Sparkle', which carries disabled people — many in wheelchairs — to all parts of the world.

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I'M a Fulham supporter and I feel our manager, Malcolm Macdonald, has not been given the praise he richly deserves.

He has taken the club from the depths of the Third Division to the top of Division Two in under two years, without spending a penny on transfer fees.

Because of this, admission prices have stabilised and I only pay £1 to watch one of the most attractive, high-scoring teams in the Football League.

The majority of Fulham's goals this term have been scored by Dean Coney and Gordon Davies — both plucked from non-League soccer — with a valuable contribution from Ray Houghton, a free transfer signing from West Ham.

If Fulham manage to gain promotion to the First Division at the end of the season, 'Supermac' will have lived up to his name again!

Tony Sparrow, Stockwell, London.

and bring in a Super League.

The First Division is perfect as it is. A Super League, reducing the number of teams competing, would only produce repetitive soccer, with teams playing the same opposition four or five times a season.

And what would happen to the teams that are excluded from Super League status? They have worked hard over the years to earn their place among the elite and it would totally unfair to 'relegate' them.

A Super League is a stupid idea. I hope it never takes shape.
Paul Mason (14), Cove, Aberdeen.

COME ON, BBC! Let's have some different teams on Sunday afternoon's 'Match of the Day' programme.

I'm fed up with seeing Coventry on the programme most weeks. Is this because Jimmy Hill is chairman of the club?
Jimmy Rutherford, South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

I WAS amazed to read Neil Hollins' recent letter in "Terrace Talk" when he stated that it cost him £2 to watch a First Division match.

I can watch my favourite team, Celtic, for just 80p. And when Celtic play the likes of Rangers and Aberdeen, with players of the calibre of Charlie Nicholas, Davie Cooper and Gordon Strachan on display, I can truthfully say that everyone gets their money's worth.

And the low admission prices are reflected in the gate. More than 60,000 turned up to watch Celtic play Rangers.

If English clubs reduced their prices, they too would have much larger gates and be able to reap the benefits. Just ask Celtic.
Paul Curran, Larkhall, Scotland.

I WOULD like to get in touch with Tina Latham of Timperley, Cheshire, whose brilliant drawing of Manchester City's Joe Corrigan appeared in the October 16 'Star Gallery'.
Susan Trick, 190 Rother Crescent, Gossops Green, Crawley, West Sussex.

'MATCH' recently asked the question, "Who can be England's

answer to Karl-Heinz

Rummenigge?" after the West German ace had sunk England at Wembley with two superb goals.

Well, I think Luther Blissett of Watford is the man for the job. His strength, skill, speed and ability to make and take chances out of nothing would make him a valuable asset to Bobby Robson's England side.

Nick Parry, Devizes, Wiltshire.

I WOULD like to pay tribute to Jimmy McGrory, a Scottish footballing legend, who died recently.

Jimmy, who once scored eight goals in a League match against Dunfermline, compares with any of the superstars of British



Luther Blissett — England's answer to Karl Heinz Rummenigge?

soccer.

During his career, he scored an amazing 410 goals in 408 games and his career total of 550 goals still stands as a British record.

Although he had a brief spell with Clydebank, Jimmy's great love was Celtic and, as their manager, he guided them to the League and Scottish Cup double in 1954 and the historic 7-1 victory over Rangers in the 1957 League Cup Final.

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MATCHMAN OF THE

STOKE



Stoke goalkeeper Mark Harrison — most consistent player in Division One last month.

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And the man who collects the accolade this time is new goalkeeper Mark Harrison, who made up the £180,000 summer package deal from Port Vale with the September award winner Mark Chamberlain.

Such has been the 20-year-old's impact on the First Division that the unseated Peter Fox is already considering his future at the Victoria Ground.

Yet, it was only Peter's unfortunate sending-off for a professional foul and a subsequent two-match ban, that enabled young Mark to grab his chance with both hands.

And what an introduction he had with two of his first four games against title favourites Manchester United and Liverpool.

But he rose to the occasion to achieve his team's star rating in

both matches, and now seems to have convinced manager Richie Barker that he is the man for the job.

He finished the month with an average of 8.00 from four appearances, leaving him clear of three players, including another First Division newcomer, Luton defender Mal Donaghy.

The Northern Ireland international had a rating of 7.80, the same as West Ham pair Alan Devonshire and giant goalkeeper Phil Parkes.

● **FULHAM** striker Gordon Davies has been pipped for the Division Two award for the second successive month.

The Welsh international was shaded out by Newcastle defender Jeff Clarke last month, and this time he has been denied the honour by Burnley skipper Martin Dobson.

Both finished the month with an average of 8.00 from four matches, but former England midfield player Martin achieved three star ratings

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STAND-IN IS TOPS

to Gordon's two.

So Martin, who guided Burnley to the Third Division Championship last season, adds to the award he collected two seasons ago.

In third place was Leicester's dynamic young striker Gary Lineker, who during the month collected his second hat-trick of the season.

● CHESTERFIELD may be out of touch with the promotion race at the present time, but midfield star Danny Wilson continues to turn in impressive performances.

Danny, an award winner last February, was his team's outstanding player in four of their six Third Division games last month, giving him an average of 8.00.

That put him clear of Preston's loanee goalkeeper Jim Arnold who showed tremendous form following his temporary move from Everton.

He clocked up an average of 7.75 from his four outings, leaving three players sharing third place, Bristol Rovers skipper David Williams, Southend midfielder player Anton Otulakowski and Newport striker Tommy Tynan.

● BLACKPOOL completed a one-two in the Fourth Division with experienced campaigner Steve Hetzke taking the honour.

The former Reading central defender pipped promising young goalkeeper Iain Hesford, who played such a significant part in the success of the England Under-21 side in the UEFA Championship.

Steve averaged 7.75 from his four appearances, with Iain on 7.66.

Wimbledon top scorer John Leslie headed the chasing group with a 7.50 average rating.

● DUNDEE midfielder player Campbell Fraser has stolen some of the thunder from town rivals United by taking the Scottish Premier Division award.

And to collect the honour for the first time he pipped Dundee United's Scottish defender David Narey.

Both returned average ratings of 7.60 during last month, but Campbell achieved more star awards, three to two.

Another Dundee United player, Ralph Milne, also finished in the top four, along with Motherwell's Iceland international Yohannes Edvaldsson.



Martin Dobson — pipped Fulham's Gordon Davies for the Second Division award.

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DIVISION ONE

Player	Games	Aver
Mark Harrison (Stoke)	4	8.00
Mal Donaghy (Luton)	5	7.80
Alan Devonshire (West Ham)	5	7.80
Phil Parkes (West Ham)	5	7.80
Asa Hartford (Man. City)	4	7.75
Jake Findlay (Luton)	4	7.75
Sammy McIlroy (Stoke)	4	7.75
Steve Coppell (Man. United)	3	7.66
Luther Blissett (Watford)	5	7.60
Alan Kennedy (Liverpool)	5	7.60
Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa)	5	7.60
Hans Van Breukelen (Nott'm Forest)	5	7.60
Terry Butcher (Ipswich)	5	7.60
Russell Osman (Ipswich)	5	7.60
Sammy Lee (Liverpool)	5	7.60

DIVISION TWO

Martin Dobson (Burnley)	4	8.00
Gordon Davies (Fulham)	4	8.00
Gary Lineker (Leicester)	5	7.80
Gary Bannister (Sheff. Wed.)	5	7.60
Gerry Gow (Rotherham)	5	7.60
Carl Harris (Charlton)	5	7.60
Steve Bell (Middlesbrough)	5	7.60
Paul Barron (C. Palace)	5	7.60
Alan Brown (Shrewsbury)	4	7.50
Russell Coughlin (Carlisle)	4	7.50

DIVISION THREE

Danny Wilson (Chesterfield)	6	8.00
Jim Arnold (Preston)	4	7.75
David Williams (Bristol Rvs)	6	7.66
Anton Otulakowski (Southend)	6	7.66
Tommy Tynan (Newport)	6	7.66
Trevor Peake (Lincoln)	5	7.60
Ron Green (Walsall)	6	7.50
Mark Lillis (Huddersfield)	6	7.50
Colin Morris (Sheff. United)	6	7.50
Steve Lowndes (Newport)	6	7.50

DIVISION FOUR

Steve Hetzke (Blackpool)	4	7.75
Iain Hesford (Blackpool)	6	7.66
John Leslie (Wimbledon)	6	7.50
Roger Osborne (Colchester)	5	7.40
John Williams (Tranmere)	6	7.33
Dean Emerson (Stockport)	6	7.33
Keith Hicks (Hereford)	6	7.33
Brian Marwood (Hull)	6	7.33

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Cammy Fraser (Dundee)	5	7.60
David Narey (Dundee United)	5	7.60
Yohannes Edvaldsson (Motherwell)	5	7.40
Ralph Milne (Dundee United)	5	7.40
Jim Leighton (Aberdeen)	4	7.25

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Blackburn Rovers' Ian Miller (right) is a "good, fast, attacking winger and does his fair share of defending as well," says 13-year-old Karl Berry of Ecclestone, Lancs.



Eleven-year-old Kirk Flowers of Isle of Grain, Kent, drew this picture of Ipswich star Frans Thijssen and says of the Dutchman: "He has great dribbling ability."



Arthur Albiston has been Manchester United's best player in the opening games of the season, according to 14-year-old J. Varney of Rockingham, Hills, Northants.



"Ossie Ardiles contributed such a lot to English football and will always be remembered as a great character," says 15-year-old Marie Cronin of Stevenage, Herts.



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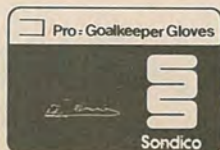


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IT'S great to be back!

At last I'm once more in a position to make a positive contribution towards Spurs' push for honours this season.

And I'm determined to win my place back in the England squad. I failed to make the party which travelled to Greece for this week's important European Championship qualifier and, while I was disappointed, it was understandable in a way.

England manager Bobby Robson watched me in my first full League game since my injury and I have to admit I was still a bit rusty.

I didn't go as well as I would have hoped, especially with us losing 1-0 to Watford — our second home defeat in the League this season.

I know I was half a yard short of being fully match fit and, on the evidence of what he saw, I guess I would have made the same decision in his position.

The fact that we were playing Watford didn't help. Their style hardly encourages a midfield show.

It was like a tennis match at times with the ball going over the heads of everyone in midfield so it was difficult to get into the game.

I still thought I might be included in the squad for Greece, however, allowing for the fact that Spurs had two more fixtures before the international game.

I only wish he had seen our Milk Cup victory over Gillingham before naming his squad because I was really chuffed with the way things went in that game.

But at the same time, I realise it's no good even considering international football if you are not 100 per cent because you will only let yourself down.

Atmosphere

Spurs played some really good football at times in the 4-2 win over Gillingham and there was a terrific atmosphere with 15,000 fans inside their small stadium.

It was good to win after three defeats on the trot — against Watford, Bayern Munich and Aston Villa — and our goals couldn't have been planned better.

Garth Crooks opened the scoring for us early in the game, Steve Archibald bagged two in the crucial periods either side of half-time and we sealed things up via Garth again late in the game.

Our finishing — something we may have fallen down on at times this season — was good.

We knew what type of football they would play and, while they created a few chances and scored twice, I think Gillingham's players would hold their hands up and admit they were beaten by the better team on the night.

They battled well, however, and had they scored the first goal of the game, things could have been a lot different.

But while we are still on the Wembley trail in the Milk Cup, we were all very disappointed to go out of the European Cup Winners Cup at the hands of Bayern Munich.

We made things tough for ourselves by only drawing 1-1 at White Hart Lane in the first leg but the conditions for the second leg

BACK IN BUSINESS!

THE GLENN HODDLE COLUMN

The Spurs and England star talks you through his first games back following a knee injury. Don't miss his regular column — only in 'Match'.

were a disgrace.

Fog made it almost impossible to play football and I firmly believe the match should have been postponed.

You couldn't see all of the pitch from the bench and Garth Crooks said after the game that he never saw our goalkeeper Ray Clemence during the first half!

Bayern wanted the game called off too. Paul Breitner and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge were both appealing to the referee to stop the game after five minutes.

Both teams made representations to the referee at half-time but he was adamant the tie would go on.

It made it a bit farcical because it was so difficult to concentrate and we drifted through the first half thinking the match would be abandoned.

We had gone behind which made things worse and, when the fog cleared a little in the second half, it became obvious the match would be played out. By then it was too late and we finally ran out 4-1 losers.

I don't think our performance was as bad as the scoreline suggests, although it was difficult to tell in the conditions!

I came on for Garry Brooke with half an hour to go and, from a personal point of view, was quite pleased with the way things went. I saw quite a lot of the ball.

The real losers were the Spurs fans who made the trip to Germany because they couldn't have seen anything from the stands which were quite a long way back from the pitch.

It must have cost them a few bob to make the journey and it would be nice if Spurs could in some way make it up to them by allowing them free entry to a home match later this season — providing the fans concerned can prove they were in Bayern!

European competition is fascinating and we are all sad to be out but on the evidence of our experiences last season, when we were chasing four trophies at one time, it may be a blessing in

disguise come the end of this campaign — providing we end up winning something!

I had resigned myself to missing the Bayern trip at one stage.

While it was always my target to make that game, I had limped out of a reserve game against Swindon the previous Saturday with what I thought was a strained thigh muscle.

It was my first really competitive game for eight weeks and I felt very, very tired. The thought of a new injury putting me back ten days or so didn't help!

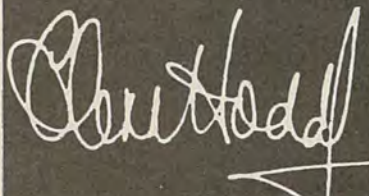
But the pain just went away over the weekend. There was no strain, in fact, and I declared myself fit for the squad when I arrived at our Cheshunt training ground on the Monday.

I told the manager I was okay for the substitutes bench if he needed me and then it was a case of rushing around to pack a bag and grab my passport for the flight to Germany.

Now hopefully all the early disappointments are behind me and I can concentrate on playing again.

It's still all very open in the race for the Championship. Prior to our match against Manchester United at Old Trafford on Saturday, we were only five points off the top and yet we were in ninth position!

Liverpool are the team at the top, of course, and as always they will take some shifting but it's a long, long way from being all over. See you in two weeks.



● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.



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'I'M BEING MURDERED' — MARADONA

SOCCER superstar Diego Maradona fears for his career — claiming he is being "kicked all over the park" by Spanish defenders.

Says Barcelona's Argentinian World Cup star: "I am worried every bone in my body will be kicked and broken and I will be carried off on a stretcher and out of football forever."

"I knew it would be tough, but I never believed I would have to take such a battering in League football."

"I needed two stitches in my tongue, of all places, after our game at Zaragoza. I bit it when I was knocked out."

"It was terrible. I don't even like to think about that game too much — it was a nightmare."

"We had Schuster concussed and Urbano broke a collar bone. It was just staggering."

"What really worries me is that because I was sent off in the World Cup in Spain, all the defenders are now out to kick and provoke me."

Maradona's outburst follows that of his team-mate Bernd Schuster in last week's 'International Hot Line' when the West German international claimed the "brutal" football he was being subjected to could drive him out of Spain.

Argentina's Diego Maradona is sent flying by a tackle from Valencia defender Carreta in a 'friendly' last season — "I am worried that I will be carried off on a stretcher and out of football forever," he says.



ITALIAN veteran Franco Causio, who picked up a World Cup winner's medal in Madrid for just a few minutes' work in the Final, admits his international career is over.

He was not picked for the squad that lost to Switzerland in Rome last month and now admits his 70th cap will be his last.

INTERNATIONAL HOT LINE



BRAZIL is now favourite to host the 1986 World Cup Finals.

Colombia, the country earmarked, has formally withdrawn — admitting it does not have the money or know-how to organise the giant 24-team tournament.

A terse statement was issued on behalf of President Betancur in Bogota saying that precise reasons would be given later.

It is not a great shock to anyone who has been following 'International Hotline' regularly.

Only last month we revealed that Colombia had been asked to produce the evidence for its bid for the 1986 World Cup by this Christmas.

FIFA wanted all the stadia brought up to modern standards with good communications by rail and air.

Other contenders are expected to be Canada and USA but FIFA has already admitted it has not received any formal bids to replace Colombia and will need to visit all the contenders before any decision is made.

The next major executive committee meeting of FIFA is due to be held in December.

BRAZIL READY TO HOST NEXT FINALS

■ **VALENCIA** reckon they have found the man to take over as Chief Coach. He is Miljan Miljanic, the man who was national coach to Yugoslavia until shortly after last summer's World Cup Finals. Miljanic knows all about Spanish football. Before he became boss of the Yugoslav national team, he was technical director of Real Madrid.

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NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 2 (Robertson, pen 66, Osman, og 81)
IPSWICH (1) 1 (McCall 27)
Att: 17,461

Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 6, Swain 8, Gunn 6, Todd 8, Young 7, Bowyer 6, ★**PROCTOR** 9, Wallace 6, Birtles 7, Hodge 6, Robertson 8

Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 6, Gernon 6, Thijsen 6 (sub, O'Callaghan 6), Osman 5, Butcher 6, Wark 6, ★**McCALL** 8, D'Avray 6, Brazil 7, Gates 6

Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★

Monday, Nov. 8

Division Three

DONCASTER (0) 2 (Russell 81, Austin 87)
PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (McCartney 53, Hodges 89)
Att: 2,942

Doncaster: Peacock 7, Russell 7, Watson 6, Snodin, 15 (sub, Humphries 7), Wigginton 7, Cawthorne 6, Douglas 6, ★**OWEN** 8, Austin 7, Snodin, G 5, Lister 5

Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, Smith 6, Cooper 6, ★**HODGES** 8, Cook 6, Sims 6, McCartney 7, Rogers 6
Referee: J. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, Nov. 9

**Milk Cup
Third Round**

BIRMINGHAM (1) 3 (Handysides 34, Dillon, pen 69, Curbishley 90)
DERBY (0) 1 (Swindlehurst 82)
Att: 12,475

Birmingham: Coton 6, Hagan 6, Van den Hauwe 6, Stevenson 6, Blake 7, Broadhurst 6, Dillon 7, Brazier 7, Ferguson 6, Curbishley 7, ★**HANDYSIDES** 8

Derby: Cherry 6, Barton 6, Buckley 6, ★**POWELL** 7, Foster 6, McAlle 5, Broolly 5, Mills 5 (sub, Wilson 6), Hill 5, Swindlehurst 6, Dalziel 5

Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Powell and McAlle (Derby)

BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Roberts 30)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Latchford 12)
Att: 15,261

Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 6 (sub, Booker 6), Harris 7, McNichol 6, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 6, Kamara 6, Joseph 6, Mahoney 6, Bowles 6, ★**ROBERTS** 8

Swansea: Davies 6, Stanley 6, ★**HADZIABDIC** 8, Charles 6, Kennedy 6, Rajkovic 6, Curtis 6, James, R 6, Mahoney 6, Stevenson 6, Latchford 7

Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Hunt 5)
BURNLEY (1) 2 (McGee 42, 69)
Att: 7,559

Coventry: ★**SUCKLING** 7, Thomas 4, Roberts 5, Butterworth 5, Dyson 5, Gillespie 6, Hendrie 4 (sub, Whitton 5), Singleton 4, Melrose 4, Thompson 5, Hunt 6

Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 7, Cassidy 7, Phelan 7, Holt 7, Scott 7, Dobson 7, ★**STEVEN** 8, Taylor 7, McGee 7, Young 6

Referee: T. G. Bune (Cranleigh)
Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Mabbutt 68)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (2) 2 (Megson 18, Bannister 44)
Att: 8,146

Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 7, Murphy 7, Lovell 5 (sub, Langley 7), Cannon 6, Nebbeling 6, Giles 6, Hughton 6, Edwards 7, Mabbutt 7, ★**HILAIRE** 8

Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 7, Bailey 7, Pickering 7, Lyons 7, Shelton 8, ★**MEGSON** 8, Taylor 7, Bannister 6, McCulloch 6 (sub, Shirliff, Peter 6), Mirocevic 7

Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
Match Rating: ★★

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EVERTON (1) 1 (Stevens 9)

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Robson 62)

Att: 13,089
Everton: Arnold 4, ★**STEVENS** 7, Ratcliffe 4, Higgins 4, Wright 4, McMahon 5, Heath 5, Johnson 4 (sub, Irvine), Sharp 4, King 5, Richardson 4

Arsenal: Jennings 5, O'Shea 5, Sansom 5, Talbot 4, O'Leary 4, Whyte 5, Davis 4, Sunderland 4 (sub, Chapman 4), Robson 4, ★**WOODCOCK** 7, Rix 5

Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Johnson 26, Price 68)

TOTTENHAM (2) 4 (Crooks 14, 89, Archibald 43, 51)

Att: 14,466
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Adams 7, Bruce 7, Shaw 6 (sub, Price 7), ★**TYDEMAN** 8, Powell 6, Johnson 7, Cascarino 7, Grewcock 6, Weatherly 6

Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 6, Hazard 7, Lacy 6, Perryman 7, Mabbutt 6, ★**ARCHIBALD** 8, Brooke 6, Hoddle 7, Crooks 7

Referee: A. Robinson (Waterlooville)
Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (1) 4 (Kellock 40, 70, Bunn 55, Moss 68)

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Bamber 39, Pashley 78)
Att: 6,409

Luton: Judge 8, Stephens 7, Money 7, ★**HORTON** 9, Goodyear 8 (sub, Bunn 7), Donaghy 8, Kellock 7, Stein 7, Walsh 7, Fucillo 7, Moss 7

Blackpool: Hesford 8, Simmonite 7, Hart 7, Deary 8, Hetzke 8, Serella 8, Hockaday 8, Stewart 6, ★**BAMBER** 9, Pashley 8, Downes 7

Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★

NOTTS COUNTY (2) 2 (Christie, pen 25, Hooks 45)

CHELSEA (0) 0
Att: 8,852

Notts County: Avramovic 7, Goodwin 6, Worthington 7, ★**HOOKS** 9, Kilcline 7 (sub, Lahtinen 6), Richards 7, Chiedozie 6, Christie 7, McCulloch 6, Clarke 6, Mair 7

Chelsea: Francis 7, Locke 6, Hutchings 6, Pates 6, Droy 7, Chivers 5, ★**CANOVILLE** 8, Bumstead 6, Lee 5, Speedie 5 (sub, Robson), Fillyer 6

Referee: N. Midgeley (Salford)

Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Edwards 22)

BARNLEY (0) 3 (Glavin 57, 87, Kenworthy, og 83)

Att: 25,207
Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Atkins 6, Garner 7, McHale 5, ★**HOUSTON** 8, Kenworthy 7, Morris 6, Trussion 6, Edwards 6, Hatton 6, Charles 7

Barnley: Horn 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 7, ★**GLAVIN** 8, Banks 7, McCarthy 7, Souter 6, Campbell 7 (sub, Airey), Parker 7, Ronson 7, Birch 7

Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Wignall 84)

CHESTER (0) 0
Att: 2,362

Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Coleman 6, Longhorn 5, ★**WIGNALL** 8, Hunter 7, Allinson 6, Osborne 7, Lyons 5, McDonough 7, Leslie 6 (sub, Bremner 6)

Chester: Salmon 6, Dean 6, Needham 6, ★**STORTON** 7, Zelem 6, Blackwell 5, Sloan 6, Johnson 5, Thomas 6, Ludlam 6, Cooke 6

Referee: T. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH Second Division

ALBION (0) 2 (Evans 58, Burgess 83)
STRANRAER (1) 3 (Taylor 21, 62, Newman 70)

Att: 420

Wednesday, Nov. 10

**Milk Cup
Third Round**

BRADFORD (0) 0

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0

Att: 15,568
Bradford: McManus 8, Podd 7, Chapman 6, Lester 6, ★**COOKE** 9, McFarland 8, Ellis 7, Jackson 6, Campbell 7, McNiven 6, Mellor 6

Man Utd: Bailey 7, Duxbury 6, Albiston 6, Moses 7, McGrath 7, McQueen 7, ★**ROBSON** 9, Muhren 8, Stapleton 7, Whiteside 7, Coppell 8
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (0) 0

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Cowling 62)

Att: 24,215

Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 7, Gray, E 6 (sub, Hird), Burns 6, Hart 5, Thomas 6, ★**CONNOR** 8, Butterworth 7, Worthington 6, Gray, F 6, Graham 6

Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 7, Burke 7, ★**STANTON** 9, Sutton 8, Hanvey 7, Lillis 8, Doyle 7, Russell 7, Wilson 7, Cowling 8

Referee: G. Courtney (Soennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Bell 82)

WEST HAM (1) 1 (Goddard 24)

Att: 13,899

Lincoln: Felgate 6, Carr 7, Neale 8, Cockerill 7, ★**PEAKE** 9, Thomas 8, Burke 7, Turner 7, Hobson 7, Bell 8, Shipley 8

West Ham: ★**PARKES** 9, Stewart 7, Brush 7, Bonds 6, Martin 7, Devonshire 8, Orr 7 (sub, Van der Elst 6), Goddard 8, Clark 7, Allen 7, Pike 7

Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Johnston 80)

ROTHERHAM (0) 0

Att: 20,412

Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6, Kennedy 5, Thompson 5, Johnston 7, Hansen 7, Hodgson 7, Lee 6, Rush 7, ★**LAWRENSON** 8, Souness 7

Rotherham: ★**MOUNTFORD** 9, Forrest 6, Breckin 6, Henson 6, Hughes 7, Green 7, Townner 8, Gooding 6, Moore 7, Seasman 7, McBride 6

Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Tueart, pen 36)

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Wright 39)

Att: 17,463

Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Bond 6, Power 6, ★**CATON** 8, Tueart 7, Reeves 6, Cross 5, Hartford 6, Baker 5

Southampton: Shilton 6, ★**AGBOOLA** 8, Rofe 6, Williams 7, Nicholl 7, Wright 6, Holmes 6, Moran 7, Cassells 7, Armstrong 7, Wallace 7

Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)

Match Rating: ★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4) 7 (Young 19,

Proctor 32, 77, Birtles 40, 44, Bowyer 68,

Wallace 85)

WATFORD (2) 3 (Jenkins 11, 43, Taylor 69)

Att: 14,873

Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 5, Swain 7, Gunn 6, Todd 7 (sub, Walsh), Young 7, Bowyer 7, Proctor 8, Wallace 8, ★**BIRTLES** 9, Hodge 8, Robertson 8

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 6, Rostron 6, Taylor 7, Sims 6 (sub, Johnson 6), Bolton 6, Callaghan 7, Blissett 7, ★**JENKINS** 8, Jackett 6, Barnes 7

Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 0

NORWICH (0) 0

Att: 10,934

Sunderland: Turner 7, Nicholl 7, Munro 6, Atkins 6, ★**ELLIOTT** 8, Pickering 6, Buckley 6 (sub, Chisholm 6), Rowell 6, McCoist 7, West 6, Venison 6

Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6, Hareide 6, McGuire 7, ★**WALFORD** 8, Watson 7, Barham 6, O'Neill 6, Deehan 6, Van Wyk 6, Bennett 6

Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH League Cup, Semi-Finals, Second Leg

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 2 (Sturrock 52, 65)

CELTIC (0) 1 (Nicholas 88)

Celtic win 3-2 on aggregate

Att: 15,000

HEARTS (1) 1 (O'Connor 37)

RANGERS (1) 2 (Bett, pen 29, Johnstone 82)

Rangers win 4-1 on aggregate

Att: 18,983

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Friday, Nov. 12

Division Four

CREWE (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (O'Berg 64)
 Att: 2,195
 Crewe: Smith 7, Purdie 6, ★**BOWERS** 8, Salathiel 7, Scott 6, Palios 6, Haselgrave 7, Sutton 6, Waller 6, Evans 6, Craven 5
 Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Keeley 7, Pointon 6, Parkinson 7 (sub. Fowler 6), Baines 7, Hunter 7, ★**O'BERG** 8, Cammack 7, Cowling 6, Angus 7, Leman 7
 Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
 Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (1) 2 (Quinn 29, 72)
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (McLean 90)
 Att: 1,885
 Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 7, Sherlock 8, Emerson 6, Bowles 7, Thorpe 7, Williams 6, Phillips 6, ★**QUINN** 9, Park 7, Coyle 7
 Darlington: Cuff 7, Brissett 6, Wilson 6, Smith 5, Rhodes 6, Kamara 7, Gilbert 7, ★**MCLEAN** 8, Honour 6, Walsh 6, Dunn 6 (sub. Liddell 6)
 Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
 Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Nov. 13

Division One

ARSENAL (0) 1 (McDermott 46)
EVERTON (1) 1 (King 18)
 Att: 23,067
 Arsenal: Jennings 7, O'Shea 7, Sansom 6, Talbot 6, O'Leary 6 (sub. McDermott 6), Whyte 6, ★**DAVIS** 8, Chapman 6, Robson 7, Woodcock 7, Rix 7
 Everton: Arnold 7, Stevens 6, Ratcliffe 6, Wright 7, Higgins 7, McMahon 7, Heath 7, Johnson 6, Sharp 7, ★**KING** 8, Richardson 6 (sub. Irvine 6)
 Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
 Match Rating: ★★

ASTON VILLA (0) 1 (Withe 85)
BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Att: 18,834
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Deacy 7, Williams 7, Evans 7, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner 7, Shaw 7, (sub. Walters), ★**WITHE** 8, Cowans 7, Morley 7
 Brighton: Moseley 6, Stevens 6, Nelson 7, Greulich 6, Foster 7, ★**GATTING** 8, Ryan 6 (sub. Stille), McNab 6, Robinson 6, Ward 7, Smith 5
 Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
 Match Rating: ★★

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Wark 22)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
 Att: 19,523
 Ipswich: Cooper 7, ★**BURLEY** 8, Gernon 7, Thijssen 7, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 6, McCall 6, O'Callaghan 6, Brazil 6, Gates 7
 Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Bond 6, Power 7, Caton 7, Tueart 7, Reeves 6, Cross 7, ★**HARTFORD** 8, Baker 6 (sub. Reid 6)
 Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
 Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (2) 4 (Dalglish 8, Rush 25, 72, 82)
COVENTRY (0) 0
 Att: 27,870
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 7, Neal 7, Kennedy 8, Thompson 8, Johnston 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish 8, Lee 7, ★**RUSH** 9, Lawrenson 7, Souness 8
 Coventry: Suckling 6, Thomas 6, Roberts 5, Butterworth 4, Dyson 5, Gillespie 6, ★**WHITTON** 7, Jacobs 6, Hateley 6, Thompson 5, Hunt 6
 Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
 Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 (Muhren 22)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0
 Att: 47,869

Man Utd: Bailey 6, ★**DUXBURY** 8, Albiston 6, Moses 6, McGrath 6, McQueen 6, Robson 7, Muhren 7, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 5, Coppell 7
Spurs: Clemence 6, Hughton 6, Miller 6, O'Reilly 5, Lacy 5, Peryman 6, Mabbutt 6, Archibald 6, ★**BROOKE** 8, Hoddle 7, Crooks 6
 Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
 Match Rating: ★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
 Att: 9,118
 Notts County: Avramovic 6, Goodwin 7, Worthington 6, ★**HOOKS** 8, Kilcline 6, Richards 6, Chiedozie 7, Christie 6, McCulloch 5, Clarke 5 (sub. Lahtinen 6), Mair 6
 Birmingham: ★**COTON** 9, Hagan 6, Van den Hauwe 6, Brazier 6, Blake 8, Broadhurst 8, Dillon 7, Francis 6, Ferguson 4, Curbishley 7, Handsides 7
 Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
 Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Moran, pen 58)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Wallace 14)
 Att: 18,178
 Southampton: Shilton 6, Agboola 7, Mills 7, ★**WILLIAMS** 8, Nicholl 7, Wright 7, Holmes 7, Moran 6, Cassells 6 (sub. Puckett), Armstrong 6, Wallace 6
 Nott'm Forest: ★**VAN BREUKELEN** 8, Swain 7, Bowyer 7, Gunn 7, Young 7, Walsh 6 (sub. Fairclough 6), Proctor 6, Wallace 7, Birtles 6, Hodge 6, Robertson 6
 Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
 Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Atkins 87)
LUTON (0) 1 (Moss 76)
 Att: 14,238
 Sunderland: Turner 7, Nicholl 6, ★**MUNRO** 8, Atkins 7, Elliott 7, Pickering 6, Cummins 7, Rowell 6, McCoist 6, West 5, Venison 5
 Luton: Judge 7, Stephens 7, Money 7, ★**HORTON** 8, Turner 7, Donaghy 7, Hill 7, Stein 6, Walsh 6, Kellock 6 (sub. Bunn), Moss 6
 Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
 Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (1) 1 (Barnes 21)
STOKE (0) 0
 Att: 18,713
 Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 6, Rostron 6, Taylor 6, Sims 7, Bolton 7, Callaghan 6, Blissett 7, Gilligan 6, Jackett 7, ★**BARNES** 8
 Stoke: Harrison 6, Parkin 6, Hampton 6, Bracewell 7, Watson 7, McLaughrie 7, Maguire 6 (sub. Berry), McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 6, Thomas 7
 ★**CHAMBERLAIN**, M. 8
 Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
 Match Rating: ★★

WEST BROM (2) 3 (Cross 24, Jol 41, Eastoe 46)
SWANSEA (0) 3 (James, L 68, Charles 75, James, R 85)
 Att: 12,432
 West Brom: Godden 5, Whitehead 5, Statham 6, Zondervan 6, Wile 5, Robertson 6, ★**JOL** 8, Cross 7, Regis 7, Owen 6, Eastoe 6
 Swansea: Davies 5, Stanley 6, Hadziabdic 6, Charles 5, Kennedy 5 (sub. Robinson 7), Rajkovic 7, ★**JAMES**, L 9, James, R 7, Mahoney 6, Stevenson 6, Latchford 5
 Referee: R. F. Nixon (West Kirby)
 Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Clark 53)
NORWICH (0) 0
 Att: 22,463
 West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 5, Lampard 6, Bonds 7, Martin 6, Devonshire 6, Van der Elst 5, Goddard 7, ★**CLARK** 8, Allen 5, Pike 6
 Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6, Hareide 7, Van Wyk 6, Walford 6, Watson 6, Barham 6 (sub. Metcalf), ★**O'NEILL** 8, Deehan 5, Bertschin 5, Bennett 5
 Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

BARNLEY (0) 1 (Glavin 67)
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Fillery 41)
 Att: 13,286
 Barnley: Horn 7, Joyce 6, Chambers 6, ★**GLAVIN** 8, Banks 7, McCarthy 7, Souter 7, Campbell 6, Parker 6, Ronson 7, Birch 6
 Chelsea: ★**FRANCIS** 8, Locke 6, Hutchings 6, Pates 7, Droy 7, Chivers 6, Rhoades-Brown 7, Robson 6, Lee 6, Speedie 6, Fillery 7
 Referee: P. N. Willis (Co. Durham)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Locke (Chelsea)

BURNLEY (1) 2 (Taylor 15, 73)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Smith 51)
 Att: 6,020
 Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 7, Phelan 7, Dobson 7, ★**DONACHIE** 8, Scott 6, Steven 7, Cassidy 6, Young 6, McGee 6, Taylor 7
 Cambridge: ★**WEBSTER** 8, Donaldson 7, Turner 7, Fallon 7, Murray 6, Nichols 6 (sub. Spriggs 6), Lockhart 7, Finney 6, Cartwright 6, Smith 6, Reilly 6
 Referee: R. Bridges (Chester)
 Match Rating: ★★

CARLISLE (1) 2 (Poskett 31, Bannon 53)
ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Gooding 4, Green 61)
 Att: 5,294
 Carlisle: ★**SWINBURNE** 8, Parker 6, Haigh 6, Ashurst 6, Larkin 5, Craig 6 (sub. Rushbury 5), Stanforth 6, Coughlin 6, Poskett 7, Bannon 7, Shoulder 7
 Rotherham: Mountford 7, Forrest 6, Breckin 6, Henson 6, Hughes 6, Green 7, ★**TOWNER** 8, Gooding 7, Moore 7, Seasman 5, McBride 7
 Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)
 Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (0) 2 (Hales 80, Simonsen 83)
MIDDLESBROUGH (3) 3 (Shearer 17, 32, Kennedy 30)
 Att: 10,807
 Charlton: Johns 6, Curtis 6 (sub. Robinson), Aizlewood 7, O'Sullivan 6, Elliott 7, Berry 7, Simonsen 7, Bullivant 6, White 6, Hales 7, ★**HARRIS** 8
 Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Ward 7, Bolton 7, Baxter 6, Beattie 6 (sub. Ross), Wood 7, Kennedy 7, Hankin 8, Otto 7, ★**BELL** 9, Shearer 8
 Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
 Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Mabbutt 14)
LEEDS (1) 1 (Connor 22)
 Att: 11,673
 Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Nebbeling 6, Murphy 6, Lovell 5, Cannon 7, Hinshelwood 5, Giles 6, ★**HUGHTON** 8, Edwards 5 (sub. Langley 5), Mabbutt 5, Hilaire 7
 Leeds: Lukic 6, Cherry 6, Gray, F 5, Flynn 6, Hart 5, Burns 5, Hird 6, ★**CONNOR** 8, Worthington 6, Thomas 6, Graham 7
 Referee: M. J. Taylor (Walmer)
 Match Rating: ★★

DERBY (0) 0
BOLTON (0) 0
 Att: 10,999
 Derby: Cherry 7, Barton 7, Buckley 8, Powell 5 (sub. Skivington 6), Foster 6, McAlle 8, Broily 7, Wilson 7, Hill 7, ★**SWINDLEHURST** 9, Dalziel 7
 Bolton: McDonagh 7, Whitworth 7, Deakin 6, Doyle 6 (sub. Bennett 6), Jones 7, Thompson 5, Henry 5, ★**REID** 9, Foster 6, Rudge 6, Chandler 7
 Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
 Match Rating: ★★

GRIMSBY (0) 0
FULHAM (2) 4 (Davies 8, 62, Wilson 17, Gale 52)
 Att: 6,952
 Grimsby: ★**BATCH** 5, Moore, D 5, Crosby 4, Waters 4, Stone 5, Whitlock 6, Cooper 5, Whymark 5, Drinkell 4, Bonnyman 4, Ford 4
 Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 8, Lock 8, O'Driscoll 8, Brown 8, Gale 8, Davies 8, Wilson 8, Coney 8, ★**HOUGHTON** 9, Lewington 8
 Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
 Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (1) 2 (English 43, Lineker 61)
NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Keegan 17, 72)
 Att: 15,044
 Leicester: Wallington 6, Ramsey 5, Friar 6, MacDonald 7, May 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 7, ★**LINEKER** 8, Kelly 6, English 7, Wilson 6
 Newcastle: Carr 7, Anderson 6, Wharton 6, Martin 6, Carney 5, Haddock 5, ★**KEEGAN** 8, McCreery 7, Varadi 6, McDermott 6, Waddle 7
 Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
 Match Rating: ★★

OLDHAM (1) 4 (Ryan 15, Wylde 50, 77, 86)
WOLVES (0) 1 (Hibbitt 65)
 Att: 7,962
 Oldham: Goram 7, Edwards 6, Ryan 7, Bowden 6, Hoolickin 8, ★**FUTCHER** 9, McDonough 7, Atkinson 7, Heaton 7, Wylde 8, Palmer 7
 Wolves: Burridge 6, Humphrey 6, Palmer 6, ★**HIBBITT** 8, Gallagher 5, Coy 5, Daniel 6, Clarke 7, Gray 5, Eves 6, Matthews 6
 Referee: J. Key (Rotherham)
 Match Rating: ★★

QPR (1) 2 (Allen 13, Fenwick, pen 86)
BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Miller 24, Bell 80)
 Att: 9,149
 QPR: Hucker 6, Neill 7, Dawes 6, ★**SEALY** 8, Hazell 7, Fenwick 6, Micklewhite 6 (sub. O'Connor 6), Stewart 7, Allen 7, Currie 5, Gregory 7
 Blackburn: O'Keefe 7, Branagan 6, Rathbone 6, Randall 7, Mail 7, Fazackerley 6, ★**MILLER** 8, Hamilton 6, Bell 6, Garner 6 (sub. Arnott 6), Brotherston 6
 Referee: J. C. Deakin (Bedford)
 Match Rating: ★★

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Brown 56)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 0
 Att: 8,033
 Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 6, Williams 7, Leonard 6, ★**PETTS** 8, Pearson 7, Griffin 6, Cross 7, McLaren 7, Brown 7 (sub. Stevens), McNally 6, Bates 6
 Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 6, Bailey 6, Smith 6, Lyons 6, ★**SHELTON** 8, Megson 7, Taylor 6, Bannister 6, Simmons 6 (sub. Shirliff, Peter), Mirocevic 6
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRADFORD (2) 3 (Campbell 43, Mellor, pen 44, Lester 86)
EXETER (2) 3 (Harle 1, Pullar 14, Delve 52)
 Att: 4,576
 Bradford: McManus 6, Podd 7, Chapman 6, ★**LESTER** 8, Cooke 7, Jackson 6, Ellis 6, Gray 7, Campbell 7, McNiven 6, Mellor 6 (sub. McCall 6)
 Exeter: Bond 6, Rogers, M 6, Viney 6, Harle 7, Hatter 6, McEwan 6, Neville 7, ★**ROGERS**, P 8, Kellow 6, Delve 7, Pullar 6
 Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (3) 5 (Stephens 3, Parkin 30, Williams, D 38, McCaffery 58, Holloway 86)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Rafferty 89)
 Att: 9,389
 Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Sherwood 6, Slatter 7, Williams, G 6, Parkin 7, McCaffery 7, Holloway 6, ★**WILLIAMS**, D 9, Stephens 7, Randall 7, Barrett 8
 Portsmouth: Knight 7, Ross 6 (sub. Thomas 6), Sullivan 6, Doyle 7, ★**HOWE** 8, Aizlewood 6, Webb 7, Tait 7, Rafferty 7, Biley 6, Rogers 6
 Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Miller 55)
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Austin 82)
 Att: 4,451
 Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Johnson 7, Adams 7, ★**BRUCE** 8, Weatherly 6, Tydeman 6, Miller 7 (sub. White 6), Walker 6, Cascarino 7, Grewcock 7, Price 6
 Doncaster: ★**PEACOCK** 8, Russell 7, Watson 7, Snodin, I 6, Wiggington 7, Cawthorne 6, Douglas 6, Owen 6, Austin 7, Snodin, G 6, Humphries 6 (sub. Lister 6)
 Referee: A. Ward (London)
 Match Rating: ★★

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Russell 53, 74)
BRENTFORD (0) 0
 Att: 10,034
 Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 7, Burke 7, Stanton 6, Sutton 7, Hanvey 7, Lillis 7, Doyle 7, Russell 7, ★**WILSON** 8, Cowling 7
 Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 7, Wilkins 6, McNichol 5, Whitehead 7, ★**HURLOCK** 8, Kamara 7, Joseph 6 (sub. Booker), Mahoney 5, Harris 5, Roberts 6
 Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)
 Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 2 (Bell 61, Bodin, og 68)
CARDIFF (1) 1 (Bennett 36)
 Att: 6,585
 Lincoln: Felgate 7, Carr 7, Neale 7, Cockerill 8, Peake 7, Thompson 7, Burke 6, Turner 7, ★**HOBSON** 9, Bell 7, Shipley 8

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MATCHFACTS MATCHFACTS



Swansea striker Robbie James, scored in his club's exciting 3-3 draw at West Brom.

Cardiff: Thomas 7, Jones 6, Bodin 6 (sub Ingram), Micallef 7, Dwyer 7. **★MULLEN 8**, Bennett 7, Tong 7, Gibbins 6, Hemmerman 7, Lewis 6.
Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Burke (Lincoln), Bennett (Cardiff)

NEWPORT (3) 5 (Aldridge 10, 19, 39, Vaughan 58, Lowndes 86)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Brignull 79)
Att: 4,071
Newport: Kendall 7, Jones 6, Relish 6, Bailey 6, Boyle 7, Stroud 6 (sub Gwyther), Lowndes 8. **★ALDRIDGE 9**, Tynan 7, Vaughan 7, Elsey 8
Bournemouth: Leigh 6, Heffernan 5, Sulley 5, Spackman 6, Brignull 6, Compton 5, Carter 7, Aitken 6, Morgan 7, Funnell 6 (sub Nightingale 6). **★GRAHAM 8**.
Referee: T. Jones (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (McCartney 34, Sims 64)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Fogg, pen 78)
Att: 3,908
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 7, Uzzell 5, Harrison 5. **★SMITH 8**, Cooper 5, Hodges 5, Cook 5, Sims 5, McCartney 6, Rogers 7
Oxford: Butcher 6, Linney 5, Grant 5, Fogg 6. **★HEBBERT 9**, Shotton 6, Brock 5, Jones 6, Vinter 5, Whatmore 7, Thomas 5 (sub Foley 6).
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON (1) 1 (Houston 35)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Wilson 46)
Att: 3,574
Preston: Campbell 7, Westwell 7, McAteer 6, O'Riordan 7, Coleman 6, Gowling 7. **★KELLY 8**, Sayer 6, Elliott 6, Buckley 6 (sub Naughton 6), Houston 7
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 7, O'Neill 7. **★WILSON 8**, Green 7, Henson 6, Stirk 7, Kinsey 7, Walker 6, Kowalski 6, Windridge 6
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Walker (Chesterfield)

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Phillips 46)
Att: 11,032
Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Atkins 7, Garner 6 (sub Brazil 7), Richardson 5, Houston 7, Kenworthy 6. **★MORRIS 8**, Trusson 6, Edwards 6, Hatton 6, Charles 6
Southend: **★KEELEY 8**, Stead 7, Hadley 7, Clark 7, Phillips 7, Cusack 7, Pountney 6, Mercer 6, Greaves 6, Otulakowski 6, Nelson 6
Referee: R. Guy (Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (1) 2 (Kearns 29, Beech 78)
READING (0) 1 (Stant 84)
Att: 2,343
Walsall: Green 7, Bates 7, Mower 8, Beech 7. **★SINNOTT 9**, Hart 7, O'Keely 6 (sub Round 6), Preece 6, Kearns 7, Buckley 6, Caswell 6
Reading: Fearon 7, Williams 7, White 7, Beavon 7. **★HICKS 8**, Kearney 6, Bason 7 (sub Sanchez 7), Stant 7, Dixon 5, Docherty 7, Donnellan 6
Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Hicks (Reading)

WIGAN (2) 3 (Bradd 11, Houghton 30, 88)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Aylott 65)
Att: 4,456
Wigan: Tunks 7, McMahon 6, Cribble 6, Methven 7, Walsh 6, Butler 6, Gemmill 7, Weston 7. **★HOUGHTON 8**, Bradd 7, Steel 5
Millwall: Sansome 6, Stevens 6, Allardyce 6, Roberts 6, Robinson 5. **★MASSEY 8**, Horrix 6, Martin 6, Neal 7, Aylott 7, West 6 (sub Madden 6)
Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Buxton, pen 76)
ORIENT (0) 0
Att: 2,333
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Hunt 6, Bater 6, Savage 7. **★DOWMAN 8**, Muldoon 7, Arkwright 6, King 6 (sub Baker 6), Keay 6, Gregory 7, Buxton 7
Orient: Day 7, Roffey 7, Peach 6, Foster 7. **★CUNNINGHAM 8**, Donn 7, Vincent 6, Lee 6, Hawley 5, Sussex 5, Taylor 7 (sub Godfrey)
Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Storton, og 2)
CHESTER (2) 2 (Allen 22, Sloan 37)
Att: 1,675
Aldershot: Johnson 5, Scott 4, Gillard 5, Briley 6, Wooler 5, Jopling 4, Shrubbs 6, Banton 5, Goddard 7. **★MCDONALD 8**, Brodie 7
Chester: Salmon 7, Edwards 7 (sub Williams 7), Lane 6. **★STORTON 8**, Zelem 6, Johnson 7, Sloan 7, Allen 7, Thomas 6, Ludlam 6, Simpson 7
Referee: E. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

BURY (2) 3 (Madden 32, Hilton, P 35, Parker 89)
TORQUAY (0) 0
Att: 2,735
Bury: Brown 7, Gardner 7, Hilton, P 7, Bramhall 7. **★DAVIES 8**, Gore 6, Cruickshank 6 (sub Potts 5), Jakub 6, Madden 6, Parker 6, Firth 7
Torquay: Horn 6, Doyle 6, Bould 7, Rioch 6, Wilson 6, Grapes 7. **★LITTLE 8**, O'Donnell 5 (sub Brown), Anderson 7, Cooper 5, Gallagher 6
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Showers 22)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Att: 2,298
Hereford: Plumley 7. **★PRICE 8**, Bray 7, Hicks 7, Pejic 7, Ross 6, Lane 6, Crabbe 6, Showers 6, McNeil 6, White 7
Hartlepool: **★WRIGHT 8**, Brown 6, Stimpson 6, Hogan 6, Bird 7, Linighan 6, Hamilton 7, Lowe 5 (sub Staff 5), Lawrence 5, Linacre 5, Barker 6
Referee: H. Taylor (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Newman, og 79)
BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Riley 22)
Att: 1,979
Mansfield: Arnold 6, Blackhall 5, Kennedy 6, Woodhead 5 (sub Dungworth), Ayre 6, Calderwood 6. **★MATTHEWS 8**, Caldwell 7, Waddle 5, Hutchinson 6, Nicholson 6
Bristol City: Shaw 6, Newman 6, Johnson 7, Nicholls 6, Stevens 5, Riley 7, Economou 5, Williams 6, Ritchie 6. **★COOPER 8**, Crawford 6
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Denyer 10, 67)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Hockaday 73)
Att: 1,893
Northampton: Key 8, Tucker 6, Phillips 6, Saunders 7 (sub Buchanan, D 6), Burrows 8. **★HEELEY 9**, Denyer 8, Buchanan, J 7, Gage 7, Saxby 6, Massey 7
Blackpool: Hesford 6, Simmonite 6, Hart 7, Deary 6, Hetzke 7. **★SERELLA 8**, Hockaday 6, Mayo 5 (sub Stewart 6), Bamber 7, Pashley 6, Downes 6
Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Cooke 22)
ROCHDALE (0) 0
Att: 2,245
Peterborough: Seaman 7, Winters 6, Collins 6, Gynn 7, Firm 6, Slack 7, Clarke 6, Rodaway 6. **★COOKE 8**, Benjamin 6, Chard 6
Rochdale: Pearce 7, Keenan 5 (sub Martinez 6), Snookes 6, Farrell 6, Swan 7, Williams 6, Thompson 6, Greaves 7, French 6. **★WELLINGS 8**, Hilditch 6
Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Sproson 43)
HULL (0) 0
Att: 5,298
Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tarrt 6, Bromage 5, Hunter 6, Sproson 7, Cegielski 7. **★FOX 9**, Moss 6, Newton 7, Ridley 5 (sub Greenhoff 6), Armstrong 7
Hull: Norman 7, McNeil 6, Booth 7, Roberts, D 6, Skipper 7, Swann 6, Marwood 5, McLaren 7. **★WHITEHURST 8**, Mutrie 7, Roberts, G 6
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (2) 3 (Rowland 27, Rideout 31, Pritchard 72)
YORK (1) 2 (Ford 43, Walwyn 51)
Att: 4,081
Swindon: Allan 7, Henry 6, Baddeley 7. **★EMMANUEL 8**, Lewis 7, Graham 7, Pritchard 7, Batty 5, Rideout 6, Rowland 7, Barnard 6
York: Jones 7. **★EVANS 8**, Hay 6, Sbragia 7, Smith 7, Hood 6, Ford 7, Crosby 7, Walwyn 7, Byrne 7, Pollard 6
Referee: K. G. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★

JOEY Jones signed for Chelsea in a cut-price £35,000 deal and declared: "This club is as big as Liverpool."

And the Welsh international should know because he spent three years at Anfield, where he picked up six honours — including two European Cup winners' medals.

"I regard Liverpool as the best club side in the world but Chelsea are just as big," says Joey, who moved from struggling Third Division Wrexham.

"I've always thought that a club like Chelsea should be in the First Division and pushing for honours. I hope I can help them achieve that."

Joey joined the Stamford Bridge club after a drawn out transfer saga which kicked off in the close season. Chelsea offered £80,000 but Joey rejected the chance to move to London.

He explains: "I didn't think that I could live in the capital. I've always lived up north and like it there."

"Everything is so different down here — life is much quicker. When I finish playing I'll move back to the Wrexham area to live."

"The club were forced to sell me because they are desperate for money. The week I went, they allowed goalscorer Dixie McNeil to go to Hereford and Steve Fox moved to Port Vale."

Wrexham's position was so different when Joey rejoined them from Liverpool in a club record breaking £210,000 transfer in October 1978.

He says: "I went back to the Racecourse Ground because I felt we were capable of winning promotion to the First Division."

"But the club started to sell their best players and the situation has gone from bad to worse. They are now struggling to avoid relegation to the Fourth Division."

"Things don't look too hopeful for the club. They've got a lot of youngsters in the side and it's especially hard for them when the team is struggling."

"I only hope that if they do go down they'll bounce straight back. I love the club and, along with Liverpool, their's is the first result I look for."

Joey's Chelsea career got off to a disastrous start when he was sent off on his debut at

SPOTLIGHT on the transfer trail and why Chelsea finally got their man.

PAL JOEY JONES IN CHELSEA LINK-UP

Carlisle. He says: "I was fuming after the dismissal."

"I didn't feel as though I should have been sent off. I had been booked earlier in the game and the referee interpreted my challenge on a Carlisle player as a professional foul."

"I don't feel sorry for myself. My biggest regret was that Chelsea didn't win the game."

"Tackles were flying in from both sides but I

felt my challenge was fair. Many people who were at the game said how unlucky I was."

"The dismissal won't persuade me to change my style of play. My job is to tackle and make life difficult for forwards. I won't shirk that."

"My fiery temper has got me into bother at times but I get so involved in the game," says Joey, who's signed a two and a half year contract with the Stamford Bridge Club.

Joey rejoined his old Wrexham manager John Neal when he joined Chelsea and he says: "John signed me as an apprentice at Wrexham and I've a lot to thank him for."

"In my younger days I used to get into trouble and I suppose many other clubs would have thrown me out, but he was like a father to me. I don't know where I'd be without him."

"I hope I can repay his faith in me by playing well for Chelsea."

"My first aim is to establish myself as a regular in the team. There are so many good players at the club that I'm not guaranteed a place. That doesn't bother me because I love competition."

Joey seems to have been on the football scene so long that people find it difficult to believe he's only 27. He says: "When I arrived at Chelsea all the players thought I was on the wrong side of 30!"

"The myth that I'm old really annoys me. The only reason for it is that I've been playing first team football since I was 17."

The Llandudno-born player is approaching his 50th cap for Wales and he hopes that his move back into the Second Division will help him achieve that feat.

"No matter how well you are playing you stand more chance of being recognised in the Second Division than the Third."

"But when Wrexham were relegated at the end of last season, Wales manager Mike England showed faith in me by picking me. He knows what I can do and I don't think I've ever let him down."



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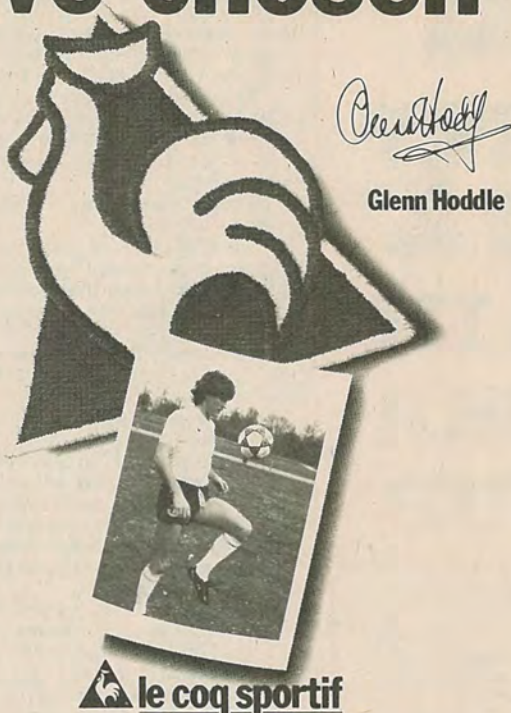
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HORRIBLE!

ANDY King this week relived the nightmare of Everton's derby day disaster.

The midfielder, who rejoined the club from West Brom in the close season, admits: "We were murdered by Liverpool. It must have been the most one-sided derby game ever."

Rampant Liverpool — spearheaded by four-goal Ian Rush — humiliated Everton 5-0 in front of their own Goodison Park fans.

And Andy told 'Match': "The worst thing about the performance was that we didn't do ourselves justice. There wasn't an Everton player — myself included — who can say he did well."

Andy believes that the turning point in the game came after 32 minutes when on-loan defender Glenn Keeley was sent off for pulling back Kenny Dalglish.

"I'm not saying Liverpool wouldn't have won because we were playing badly before, but Glenn's dismissal had a big bearing on the game."

"It's hard enough to play against any side when you're a man down. Against Liverpool, it's impossible."

"I'm not making any excuses. At the end of the day we were beaten by the best team in the country. All we can do is try to learn from it and hope it doesn't happen again."

"The walk to the dressing room at the end of the game was the longest walk in the world. It was horrible."

"The fans have taken it hard and I can't really blame them. Beating Liverpool means everything to them. Derby meetings are the most important occasions of the season for them. It's like their cup finals."

The Everton fans showed their frustration at the result when they stayed away from Goodison for the Milk Cup tie against Arsenal

REDS PILE ON ANDY'S AGONY



Andy King — down in the dumps.

three days later.

Just 13,000 watched as Everton stuttered to a 1-1 draw with the 'Gunners' and Andy says: "The fans were still licking their wounds from Saturday."

"But what I couldn't believe was the verbal abuse they gave the team. When the Everton side was announced before the game they booed. I can understand their frustration, but I felt that was a bit over the top."

Andy believes that Everton's troubles started before the important derby game. He says that the slide began in the match against Southampton at The Dell.

"If we had won that game

we'd have gone into the top three in the First Division. As it was, we lost 3-2 and our bubble seemed to burst."

"After that defeat, our confidence went. We didn't look the same team that had beaten the likes of Aston Villa 5-0 and Swansea 3-0 this season."

"There can't be that much wrong. You don't become a bad team overnight."

Perhaps it's a question of attitude. We're all down in the dumps at the moment."

"It's up to every individual to pick himself up and put his own house in order. I'm as much to blame as all the other lads in the team. It's no good pointing the finger at other players."

"Defeat in the derby game isn't the end of the world. We're highly placed in the First Division and still in the two domestic cup competitions. We've everything to play for."

Everton's problem this season has been consistency and Andy says: "That's what makes Liverpool the best there is."

"One week we're on a level with Liverpool and the next we're so far behind it just isn't true. To be successful you've got to produce the goods every week."

Below:

Liverpool hero Ian Rush (left) rounds goalkeeper Nev Southall to score his fourth and the team's fifth goal in the rout of Everton.



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FULL NAME: Christopher Woods.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Boston, Lincs.
November 14, 1959.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft. 1ins./13st.
MARRIED: Yes, to Sarah.
CHILDREN: A son, Mark (17 months).
CAR: Capri 2.8.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Nottingham Forest,
Q.P.R.
WORST EVER INJURY: Ankle ligaments.
Kept me out for five weeks at Forest.
**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER
AND WHY:** Peter Shilton — he's the best at
his job.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Aston Villa (my
schoolboy favourites).
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:
Diego Maradona — all-round brilliance.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:
Shilton (England), McGrain (Scotland),
O'Leary (Eire), Moore, Cooper (England),
Brady (Eire), Keegan, Hoddle, Charlton R.
(England), Law (Scotland), Best
(N. Ireland).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:
The England team that won the World
Cup in 1966 with Russia's Lev Yashin
in goal.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:
Old Trafford (won the League Cup
there).
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Ian
Edwards for Wrexham against
Derby.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The
1978 League Cup Final when
Nottingham Forest beat
Liverpool 1-0 in a replay.
**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN
FOOTBALL:** Saving a penalty
for Norwich on my First
Division debut.
**BIGGEST
DISAPPOINTMENT:** Being
relegated with Norwich in
the season before last.
**FAVOURITE OTHER
SPORTS:** Squash,
swimming, snooker.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:
Good food and winning.
**MISCELLANEOUS
DISLIKES:** Bad mannered
people and losing.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Fawcety
Towers.
**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS
SWITCH OFF:** Panorama.
FAVOURITE READING: Sports
magazines.
FAVOURITE SINGER: Diana Ross.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Tea.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Sweden.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Jack
Nicholson/Bo Derek.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: One
Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest.
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:
Bad refereeing.
SUPERSTITIONS: Always put my left shin pad
on first.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: It used to be poached eggs
on toast, now it's rice pudding and peaches.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth
and Under-21 caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and
healthy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To
continue to
play regular First Division football and
play for England.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I hope to go
into farming.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Colin Walsh
at Nottingham Forest.
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO
MEET:** Actor Clint Eastwood.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen and
learn from advice given to you.